Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in American women and 1:7 women will be diagnosed in their lifetime. Improvements in screening and new anti-estrogen therapeutic agents have reduced the death rate from breast cancer. The past 100 years has seen a gradual progression from radical surgery to less invasive options such as breast conserving therapy with lumpectomy, axillary staging and post operative radiation therapy. This talk is going to focus on the impact biomedical engineering has had, is having, and will have on the treatment of this disease. Upon completion the audience will have an understanding of the technique of sentinel lymphadenectomy, the application of brachytherapy for breast cancer and novel techniques to detect circulating tumor cells or related proteins currently under collaborative clinical investigation here at MU.

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