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# New outpatient and breast imaging centers lead Jacksonville area's Healthful News



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[Boutique Breast Imaging](#) — at 6871 Belfort Oaks Place on the city's Southside — is led by Pearson and other experienced fellowship-trained breast imaging radiologists. A radiologist's expertise is key to accurate image readings, she said.

"The quality of mammograms depends on who is reading them and how much time they have to spend with the patient," she said.

Because of a shortage of breast imaging radiologists, 60% of mammograms are read by general radiologists. They are "least likely to detect early cancers and more likely to recommend additional unnecessary recall imaging and biopsies," Pearson said. Meanwhile, health care administrators "push for high volume and cost savings that diminish the patient experience, quality and outcome," she said.

Breast imaging radiologists have additional training beyond radiology board certification. Those at the center will improve, expedite and personalize [cancer diagnosis](#), she said.

Patients will leave "feeling they were really cared for and not just lined up through a revolving door and valued only for their insurance contract," she said. "I want to care for women like I would my own family."



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