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Dr. Richard Fine serves as Director of the Breast Division at the Margaret West Comprehensive Breast Center, West Cancer Center & Research Institute in Germantown TN and Director of Education and Research. He is an Associate Professor, Department of General Surgery, College of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN.

Dr. Fine graduated from Emory University in Atlanta Georgia, from the Medical College of Georgia, and completed General Surgery residency at Rush Presbyterian St-Lukes Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Fine, one of the first few surgeons specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of breast disease spent 24 years practicing breast surgery in Marietta Georgia as Co-Director of The Breast Center and Director of Advanced Breast Care. In addition to participating in many local initiatives including the *Breast Test* program for underserved populations, Dr. Fine was appointed to the Cancer Advisory Committee of the Georgia Human Resources Department by then Governor Zell Miller. Dr. Fine served on the Board and as President of the GA Division of the American Cancer Society and was the Director of the Breast Program for the WellStar Health System in Marietta, Georgia, which became the first program in Georgia to be accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC).

An innovative pioneer in the diagnosis and treatment of breast disease, Dr. Fine has been on the forefront of education and technology development in the field of image directed breast biopsy for the last three decades. Dr. Fine has published numerous articles and written several text book chapters related to stereotactic core needle biopsy and breast ultrasound. He served as Co-Director of the Breast Imaging Module for the American College of Surgeons National Ultrasound Faculty and directed the Pre-meeting Imaging Courses for the American Society of Breast Surgeons Annual Meetings. Having served on numerous scientific advisory boards for medical device companies he has been instrumental in new product development and instructing his colleagues in the use of these new products.

More recently, Dr. Fine has been instrumental in research for cryoablation as an alternative for early-stage, low-risk breast cancer in appropriately selected patients. This led to a publication in 2012 on the 3-year interim results and the data for the 5-year follow is pending acceptance for publication. This was the largest study where cryoablation was utilized to treat breast cancer without surgical excision.

Dr. Fine has also been involved in many national leadership roles. He served on the founding Board of the NAPBC, was a Trustee for the National Consortium of Breast Centers and served as a Governor for the American College of Surgeons representing the American Society of Breast Surgeons. Dr. Fine is a past President and Chairman of the Board of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. As a co-founder of the American Society of Breast Surgeons Foundation he served as Chairman of the Board since its inception in 2004 until 2016 and now is Chairman Emeritus. Dr. Fine continues in leadership roles as the American Society of Breast Surgeons AMA CPT Advisor, Chair of the Coding & Reimbursement Advisory Group and served as the work group chair for the development of a Cost Measure for Mastectomy and Lumpectomy for the CMS value based programs MIPS (Merit Based Incentive Payments System) and APM (Alternative Payment Models) developed under Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

Since becoming part of the West Clinic and the Margaret West Comprehensive Breast Center, Dr. Fine has served as the Breast Program Leader achieving full accreditation for the National Accreditation of Breast Centers Program, in 2017. In addition, he developed and Directs the West Cancer Center Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship which is accredited through the Society of Surgical Oncology.