Alumni – Broadwell Breast Surgery

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[Dr. Broadwell] My name is Julie Broadwell. I graduated from medical school in 2005 here in Shreveport. I practice breast surgical oncology in private practice here in Shreveport.	Fair woman with dark straight hair pulled back in a bun at her neck, wearing a dark gray scrub top seated in front of a dark blue washed background Text: Julie Broadwell, M D Breast Surgery Oncology Breast Care Specialists
[Silence]	Dark blue background with animated blocks. L S U Health Shreveport Foundation logo is at the bottom center of the screen. White text above it reads: Why did you choose Breast Surgical Oncology
[Dr. Broadwell] So I think the first decision is surgery versus medicine. And I very quickly realized I was not somebody that had the patience to well, that didn't work, let's try this. I wanted to fix things. And so surgery naturally lended itself to that. And I did general surgery first. And general surgery, you have to know something about everything. And I didn't like that very much. I wanted this is my area of expertise and fits in this box. I'm great at it. If it's outside that box, there's someone better. And so breast surgery kind of met the the best of both worlds for me.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
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[Dr. Broadwell] I think the thing I like about breast surgery - in a in a typical surgeon's practice, you don't have a longstanding relationship often with your patients. It's you see them pre-op, you operate on them, their problem is fixed, you see them post-op. And and that's the end of the relationship. But with my breast cancer patients, I follow all of them for a minimum of five years. Some sometimes lifetime. And so I really get to hear about their grandkids and develop that relationship with the patient that's not as typical in a in a surgery environment.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
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[Dr. Broadwell] Obviously telling people they have cancer or their cancer's back or their cancer is not responding as well as as we had hoped is is definitely the hardest part.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
[Silence]	Dark blue background with animated blocks. L S U Health Shreveport Foundation logo is at the bottom center of the screen. White text above it reads: Are there certain personality traits that fit your specialty?
[Dr. Broadwell] I think so. I think from a surgeon's standpoint, I think the ability to make a decision, the ability to be the one in charge, the ability to be able to make a decision plan in a fairly timely manner is important from a surgeon's standpoint and then from breast surgery as well. Compassion and empathy and all those things that you need to be able to walk someone through a very difficult part of their life.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
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[Dr. Broadwell] I have a great balance, so I'm lucky I'm in private practice. I can control my schedule. I'm married to another physician, so we have two incomes coming in. And so I set up my schedule so that I have the time that's important to me at home as well as the time that's important to me at work.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
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[Dr. Broadwell] So I think knowing my limitations is really important. I know that I don't like to tell more than three people in one single day that they have breast cancer. More than three and I just I don't handle it as well. I internalize it more. I bring it home. Less than three for whatever reason, I can mentally manage that. So I try not to set up more than three of those in one day, and usually I don't. And that makes it easy. Being able to get away, being able to have personal time. My personal hobby is knitting. I just like to knit and if I'm worried about something or stressed about something, I find the most complicated pattern I can possibly find so I'm literally having to concentrate on every stitch and just let everything just take a time out.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
[Silence]	Dark blue background with animated blocks. L S U Health Shreveport Foundation logo is at the bottom center of the screen. White text above it reads: What do you wish you had known before choosing your specialty?
[Dr. Broadwell] Nobody tells you about radiation oncology. I mean, what a great specialty. But no, that that's really just a a joke amongst us at the cancer center, that it's a it's a hidden gem. And nobody ever tells you about that. But no, I love my job and I wouldn't do anything different knowing now ten years out, then I then I would then.	Dr. Broadwell on camera

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[Dr. Broadwell] You have to love it. For any specialty. You have to love it. You have to look past the training. You have to look past the what a typical person's job may be like because there are so many flexible ways to make a job and your personal time and and that what you want to you have to really love what you do.	Dr. Broadwell on camera
[Silence]	Dark blue background with animated blocks. L S U Health Shreveport Foundation logo is at the top center of the screen. Text in gold and white font reads: Special thanks to Doctor Julie Mook Broadwell, Breast Surgical Oncology, L S U Health Shreveport Class of 2005. Breast Care Specialists, 14 hundred East Berk Kouns, Suite 100, Shreveport Louisiana 7 1 1 0 5