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Is Wire-Free Localization Right for Your Organization?

Lee Riley, MD, Director of the Breast Disease Management Team for St. Luke's University Health Network, Bethlehem, PA, offers perspective on the key factors in selecting a wire-free technology for breast tumor localizations.

What are some of the deciding factors behind your decision to move beyond wires to a wire-free technology for breast tumor localization?

The gold standard for almost the past 40 years had been a wire localization performed the morning of surgery. It has served us well, but there are a lot of problems with it.

I think from the patients' perspective a wire-free alternative is a better overall experience. You just go to sleep

and you get the tumor out. You don't need to have a pre-procedure and the extra anxiety associated with that. I think all the different wireless techniques help improve patient satisfaction but there are other factors to consider.



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