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**Q&A****Dr. Stephanie Akbari**

**VIRGINIA CANCER SPECIALISTS
SURGERY**

Why did you choose your specialty?

I actually did general surgery for about two years, and at that time, I noticed that there were starting to be lots of changes in terms of breast cancer care where previously that had not occurred. It was an exciting time where we were starting to be able to do more things than we ever did before in terms of cosmetics and reconstruction. That, coupled with the fact that I wanted to have children and have more control over my life, made it a good choice.

How do you anticipate your field changing in the next 10 years? I think we're going to end

up doing less surgery. We're going to end up doing more targeted therapy, typically targeted chemotherapy agents or immunotherapy agents, such that actually removing the tumor will likely not be a requirement in the future. So hopefully, you know, within 20 to 25 years, breast surgeons will be doing other things than breast surgery.

What do you find most fulfilling about your work?

It really is helping people and knowing that you are able to make someone less fearful and more hopeful, not in terms of just themselves but their whole family and the family dynamic.