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Dr. Thomas is currently a tenured Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center and has extensive teaching and training experience with a range of learners, including medical students, resident trainees, and junior faculty. Her administrative duties include oversight and development of a department of 24 full-time faculty, 16 residents, a graduate student program, a Cytopathology Fellowship Program, a robust clinical enterprise/corporation and research programs, and an administrative staff of eight.

Her clinical expertise is in cytopathology and diagnostic surgical pathology; she is known nationally in both areas, particularly for her knowledge and skills in the fine needle aspiration (FNA) cytology technique and breast FNA. She has also conducted and participated in studies that capitalize on her graduate training in biochemistry, developing and testing cancer biomarkers in breast cancer, both cytology and tissue specimens. She has published more than 110 peer reviewed articles and abstracts and has given numerous presentations, both nationally and internationally, in her areas of expertise. Her research interests have evolved to include health services research, as well as disparities in health in general and racial/ethnic differences in breast cancer survival, specifically.