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#### BIO

Dr. Cansu Karakas is an Assistant Professor, with subspecialty expertise in Breast Pathology. Her academic career spans notable institutions such as MD Anderson Cancer Center and (2010–2017) and NYU (2017-2018). She is passionate about research with a focus on HER2-driven breast cancers, artificial intelligence (AI) applications in breast cancer and identifying resistance mechanisms to guide novel, personalized therapeutic strategies in breast cancer.

#### CLINICAL FOCUS

- Anatomic Pathology
- Breast Pathology

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor - University Medical Line, Pathology
- Member, Bio-X

#### BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Breast Cancer Committee, NRG Oncology (2026 - present)
- Editor/Editorial Academy, Modern Pathology (2026 - present)
- Member, United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (2010 - present)
- Member, International Society of Breast Pathology (2018 - present)
- Member, European Society of Pathology (2024 - present)
- Member, American Society of Molecular Pathology (2021 - present)
- Member, Digital Pathology Association (2012 - present)
- Member, Southbay Pathology Society (2025 - present)
- Member, California Pathology Society (2025 - present)

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship: Brigham and Women's Hospital (2024) MA
- Board Certification: Anatomic Pathology, American Board of Pathology (2023)
- Residency: University of Rochester Medical Center (2023) NY
- Residency: Saint Barnabas Medical Center NJ
- Medical Education: Ege Universitesi (2001) Turkey

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

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- **Sequential Targeting of Retinoblastoma and DNA Synthesis Pathways Is a Therapeutic Strategy for Sarcomas That Can Be Monitored in Real Time.** *Cancer research*  
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