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Number one on the list is a liquid biopsy. The technologies under consideration would be able to detect cancer in a blood sample, rather than tissue. Using a blood sample reduces risk of infection, reduces analysis time and cost, and enables a biopsy to be done even when tumors are hard to reach. Since liquid level sensors are commonly used in many medical devices, they may indirectly play a part in the fight against cancer.

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