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Covenant Breast Health Center in Frankenmuth Invests in Digital Mammograms

To improve early breast cancer detection and save more lives, the Covenant Breast Health Center of Frankenmuth has announced that it is investing in digital mammogram technology, making it the only center in the area to offer this capability.

“When breast cancer is detected early, more lives can be saved because it is much more treatable,” said Ginny Latty, Director of Imaging & Diagnostics at Covenant HealthCare. “Advanced technologies like digital mammograms have higher cancer detection rates than traditional x-ray technology, plus digital is faster and safer.”

According to Latty, digital is a better choice because images are more precise, clear and accurate – even in dense tissue, detecting nearly twice the breast cancers as film. Digital is also a faster procedure for patients, because images instantly appear on high-resolution monitors for real-time adjustments by trained technologists who can zoom in on potential problem areas and get a quality picture the first time. In addition, because digital is electronic, results can be uploaded, shared and stored easily.

“Digital is also safer than x-ray films because radiation exposure is reduced by about 25%, plus patients usually don’t need repeated exposures or appointments since the images are so clear from the start,” she said. “This alleviates a lot of worries people have with x-ray technology and also dovetails with Covenant HealthCare’s overall commitment to invest in technologies that reduce radiation exposure.”

Although your out-of-pocket costs may be more, long-term benefits of this state-of-the-art technology are immense. For example, detecting breast cancer early in the process allows for more treatment options that, in turn, may prevent costly surgeries and recoveries.

The Covenant Breast Health Center of Frankenmuth is conveniently located at 600 North Main, Frankenmuth. For more information, please contact Kathi Smith-Nowlin, RN, Manager at 989.583. 5130. Or to schedule an appointment, call 989.583.6278.

About Covenant HealthCare

Covenant HealthCare, the sixth largest hospital in Michigan, offers high quality comprehensive medical services to people in 20 counties throughout East Central Michigan and is dedicated to providing extraordinary care for every generation.