

MCGH Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Nobody ever expects to have breast cancer, yet it seems like we've all been affected by this disease at some point in our lives, whether we have had it, or have had a family member or friend who have battled it. An uncompassionate and terrifying disease that does not discriminate among its victims, cancer is the second leading cause of death in our country.

As we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness this month, let's think of the brave women in our lives and the importance of early detection and the need for everyone to become informed of this threatening disease so we no longer have to bury our loved ones who didn't take the time to take care of their own life.

Once again, Macon County General Hospital is doing its part to make sure that they are offering the best in screening technology they can. By encouraging breast cancer awareness and supporting breast cancer research they hope that one day our children, grandchildren, great grandchild, will live to see the day that a cure has been discovered.

"As you may all know," said Director of Imaging Kim Winsett at MCGH, "October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for the entire four weeks we will be offering mammograms. All women are at risk for breast cancer and remember it increases as you get older."

"Of course fear is a normal reaction for a lot of women," she added, "but with regular screening, the disease can be found early, and after treatment, many women live long, happy, healthy and productive lives. Early detection is the key, and please don't put off having a mammogram, it can mean the difference between life and death."

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Macon County General Hospital began promoting public awareness of breast cancer in 2001 and they are proud to announce that the new state-of-the-art digital mammography should be available in the next couple of months.

According to Macon County General Hospital CEO Dennis Wolford, one of the key benefits of digital imaging is immediate access to patient information. Technologists don't have to leave their patient's side to check film, reducing patient wait time and anxiety. The exams can be immediately sent to the radiologist for review.

"Breast cancer awareness has grown," said Wolford, "and Macon County General Hospital is proud to be a part of it. Working side-by-side we know the value of an efficient, collaborative workflow."

Kim Winsett added, "MCGH genuinely cares about the patients and extend our personal attention to everyone. You are more to us than just a number, we offer human connection, which is important under the circumstances."

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For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Macon County General Hospital at 615-666-2147.