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## During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October

*Patients who may have delayed mammograms from earlier in the year  
return this month to have their screenings done with safety  
measures in place*

October 27th, 2020 – Good Samaritan Medical Center, part of Tenet's Palm Beach Health Network, is seeing breast cancer screening patients return during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Between the hospital's Breast Institute and outpatient imaging locations, breast cancer screenings are trending up by more than 15% this October at Good Samaritan compared to October of last year. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) still estimates 4 out of 10 adults

are delaying medical care because of concerns related to the pandemic, but early diagnosis of breast cancer can greatly increase the chance of successful treatment.

“A screening mammogram can literally save a woman’s life, and we are so happy our community members are recognizing that they can come to us with the strict protocols we have in place to provide this service safely,” said Sheri Montgomery, chief executive officer of Good Samaritan Medical Center. “If you didn’t get your annual screening mammogram during Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, or have missed, or are behind schedule for any other important screening, you should not delay rescheduling these procedures.”

As part of a comprehensive approach to cancer care, the Breast Institute is a full-service breast care and cancer screening and treatment facility within the hospital and patients receive their screening mammogram results the same day as their appointment. The Breast Institute offers low-dose screening and diagnostic 3D mammography, which is designed for a more accurate breast cancer screening, and allows the radiologist to examine breast tissue one layer at a time.

“The earlier we find a breast cancer, the higher the chance of survival, and that is why it is so important to see women coming in for their annual screening mammogram during Breast Cancer Awareness Month,” said Dr. Elena Rehl, breast surgeon on staff at Good Samaritan Medical Center. “We have taken the proper steps to ensure patients who come to our hospital or diagnostic centers for any screenings or procedures will be taken care of in a safe and secure environment.”

The Breast Institute at Good Samaritan Medical Center, is designated as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology. The Breast Institute at Good Samaritan Medical Center is also designated by the American College of Surgeons as a National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a designation reserved for breast centers that achieve high standards across the most effective breast cancer treatments. For more information go to our website at [www.goodsamaritanmc.com](http://www.goodsamaritanmc.com).

## About Good Samaritan Medical Center

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital providing sophisticated, personalized medical care to Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for 100 years.

As one of the area's leading oncology centers, the hospital's Cancer Institute provides general and highly specialized cancer services and is accredited by the Commission on Cancer, a program of the American College of Surgeons. Good Samaritan Medical Center's Breast Institute is designated by the American College of Surgeons as a National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a designation reserved for breast centers that achieve high standards across the most effective breast cancer treatments. The Breast Institute is also a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology.

Additional services include general and robotic surgical options through the hospital's Surgical Institute, a Certified Primary Stroke Center, 24-hour emergency care, advanced cardiac care through the Cardiac and Vascular Institute, diagnostic imaging, maternity services and a Sleep Disorders Center.

Good Samaritan Medical Center has been a recipient of the Healthgrades Labor and Delivery Excellence Award for two years in a row (2018-2019), placing Good Sam in the top 10% of all hospitals evaluated for L&D services. The hospital has one of the lowest C-section rates in Florida: Good Samaritan Medical Center is proud to be one of only 19 hospitals in the state of Florida to achieve a C-section rate below 23.9% for first time mothers with low risk pregnancies, meeting the AHCA recommended C-section rate.

Good Samaritan Medical Center earned Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. The hospital was also the recipient of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with the

Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for 2020 and is a designated Center of Excellence for Hidden Scar Breast Cancer Surgery™.

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