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Mammography Saves Lives

October 1 begins a month-long, nationwide communication effort to encourage women ages 40 and older to get an annual mammogram. With pink ribbon reminders, healthcare providers, breast cancer survivors, and families across the country are celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Oakdale Community Hospital joins in this important message and hopes that mothers, daughters, and grandmothers schedule annual mammograms and get the facts about breast cancer. “Our goal is to detect breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages here in Allen Parish,” Kirk Soileau, Chief Executive Officer explained. “We save lives with mammograms, and we want everyone to understand that the best way to fight cancer is to find it early.”

Especially important in light of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is news that Oakdale Community Hospital has just received notification that the hospital’s mammography services program has received a three-year accreditation in Mammography from the American College of Radiology (ACR).

During an onsite visit, the ACR’s Mammography Accreditation Program reviewers assessed Oakdale’s staff qualifications and experience, the hospital’s technology, quality measures and standards, overall quality control, image clarity, radiation dose, and more, and found our services meet the stringent requirements set by ACR.

“We are proud of our entire Imaging Department for the care they provide everyday, but we are especially proud today of everyone in our mammography department,” Soileau, noted. “This accreditation is the result of excellent clinical care. The ACR looked at every aspect of our mammography services program,” Soileau said. “And we have ACR’s seal of approval.”

“We are committed to providing services that are of the highest quality,” Soileau said. “Our mammography services use advanced technology to locate the smallest of tumors and lesions, and our technologists are specially trained to get the precise images our radiologists and physicians need to detect cancer and other conditions.”

“We would like everyone in our community to help spread the word about annual mammograms. At Oakdale, we are taking extra steps in October to help encourage women to have annual screenings,” Soileau added. “I cannot say this often enough, ‘mammograms save lives.’”

For more information about Breast Cancer Awareness Month, mammography services, or for a physician referral, please call 335-3700.

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