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Mary Black Plans to Open a Women's Breast Health Center

SPARTANBURG, SC -- Mary Black Health System is pleased to announce that plans are underway to open a **Women's Breast Health Center** on the Skylyn Drive main campus. The center will feature *Hologic* Digital mammography and comprehensive breast health services in one location. These services will include Breast MRI, Digital Mammography, Breast Ultrasound and Bone Densitometry.

Patients will also have access to interventional diagnostic procedures provided on site. These procedures include: fine needle aspirations, stereotactic and US guided biopsies. Staffing includes a Certified Breast Health Navigator, Certified Mammography Technologists and Certified Breast Sonographers, Radiologists and other breast health professionals.

"Having these important women's services in one location will enable Mary Black to offer preventive health services, educational guidance as well as community support systems for women in a timely manner" said Kathryn Hyder, RN, Mary Black Clinical Breast Coordinator.

"Identifying and treating breast cancer as soon as possible is the key to treating this disease," said Larry Totten, MD, Radiologist. "If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 97%," he added.

"Mary Black Memorial Hospital is a certified *Pink Ribbon Facility* featuring advanced *Selenia* digital mammography which incorporates revolutionary imaging technology that provides incredibly sharp breast images. The images appear on the technologist monitor in a matter of seconds, there is no waiting for film to develop, which means less time in the breast imaging suite for patients," said Dr. Totten.

The Mary Black Breast Health Center will also feature reduced wait times for testing and in many instances offering same day appointments. The Center will also feature free Valet Parking. Construction of the new Breast Health Center will begin over the next 30-45 days according to David Cope, MBMH Chief Operating Officer.

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