



CMMC Offers the Latest in Breast Cancer Screening

Women who undergo routine mammograms at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) now have the latest diagnostic technology available to them with CMMC's most recent upgrade to digital mammography. In fact, this new equipment in CMMC's Radiology department is the exact same mammography technology offered at hospitals in Billings and Great Falls. Being able to offer the same state of the art scan here in town gives people the ability to avoid traveling.

Digital mammography is different from conventional mammography in the way the image of the breast is acquired and, more importantly, viewed. Digital mammography produces images that appear on the technologist's monitor in a matter of seconds. There is no waiting for film to develop, which means a shorter time spent in the exam. "I left work at 9:30 for my mammogram appointment at CMMC and was back at my desk by 10:00," was the report from a recent CMMC patient.

The digital equipment also offers increased comfort and warmth over the conventional equipment.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers.

About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

—*American Cancer Society*
The Good news is that if breast cancer is found early, the five year survival rate is 98 percent.

The use of mammography and in particular, digital mammography available at CMMC, greatly enhances the ability to detect breast cancer at an early stage, when it's most treatable.

"With this new mammography equipment, as soon as the image is taken, the technologist looks right on the screen, in the same room, at the same time and from there it is then sent right to the radiologist



that interprets it. It takes a matter of 20 minutes," said Rick Poss, Radiology Manager.

Visit your physician about CMMC's Mammography, or call CMMC's Radiology department at 535-6205.

