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APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR JAMES MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES

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DELAWARE, Oh., May 29, 2009 – The Delaware General Health District is taking appointments for the June 17 Delaware debut of the James Cancer Hospital’s new all-digital Mobile Mammography Unit.

For appointments, phone the Health District Clinic at 740-203-2040.

The Health District arranges for the mobile unit to visit Delaware periodically to help provide Delaware County women access to mammographies, which are recommended yearly starting at age 40. The service was interrupted earlier this year by equipment breakdowns in the old mobile unit.

The James mobile unit will visit Buehler’s on June 17, and then the Center for Older Adults of Delaware County, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware on August 21. The unit will return to Buehler’s, 800 W. Central Ave., Delaware, on Oct. 15 and Dec. 16.

Mammograms are performed in the mobile unit in private by specially trained female technologists and interpreted by board-certified expert radiologists. The screening process takes about 15 minutes. Medicare and most insurance plans cover the cost of the service. If Medicare or insurance is not available, please phone the Health District clinic for other assistance in accessing a mammogram. Women without insurance coverage who wish to pay privately will need to provide \$95 at the time of their appointment.

Mammograms can detect breast lumps years before they can be found by self-examination. According to the American Cancer Society, at least 90 percent of breast cancers detected in the early stages can be treated successfully.

Locally, female breast cancer has become the most common form of cancer. Delaware County women had higher breast cancer incidence and death rates than the statewide average in 2000-2005, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

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