

New Mammography Resources for Low Income Women in Mecklenburg County

CHARLOTTE, NC – May 26, 2010 – For ten years, the Mecklenburg County Health Department (MCHD) has provided screening mammography services to the uninsured and underinsured women of Mecklenburg County. Charlotte Radiology Breast Center has been a partner of the MCHD, providing their patients with screening mammography readings, in addition to performing diagnostic exams when needed. To improve accessibility to state-of-the-art technology, the MCHD has discontinued on-site screening mammography and is now referring patients for digital screening mammography to Charlotte Radiology, which has nine convenient breast centers in Mecklenburg County.

“We are honored to partner with the health department to serve low income women in Mecklenburg County. This partnership will improve access to screening mammography services offering more locations and days of service. In addition, health department patients, for the first time, will be screened with digital mammography,” explained Dr. Matthew Gromet, Chief of Breast Imaging for Charlotte Radiology. Digital technology has become the standard of care for mammography services, providing a more accurate breast cancer diagnosis for women under 50 years of age, pre-menopausal women, and all women with dense breast tissue.

“We are very proud of the screening mammogram services we have been able to provide at the health department over the past ten years for uninsured and underinsured women of Mecklenburg County. Our dedicated staff has provided more than 18,000 screening mammograms during this time. With the advantages offered by digital mammography, we want to offer our patients this latest technology that has become the standard of care. We are excited to be able to partner with Charlotte Radiology Breast Center to provide digital screening mammograms as well as follow-up diagnostic services for the women we serve,” said Dr. Wynn Mabry, MCHD Health Director.

The MCHD will continue to provide funding to eligible women through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) and funds secured through their Susan G. Komen grant. Screening mammography is recommended annually for asymptomatic women beginning at age 40. To schedule a mammogram with Charlotte Radiology through the MCHD program, patients and providers should call the health department at 704-432-4287.

About Charlotte Radiology.

At Charlotte Radiology Breast Center, we believe annual, quality mammograms are the cornerstone of breast health - which is why we are committed to providing our patients with convenient, quality care. Our physicians and technologists are specialized in breast imaging and we offer the latest technologies, such as breast MRI and digital mammography. For more information, visit us on the web at www.charlotteradiology.com.