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UNIVERSITY IMAGING EXPANDS WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER IN ADVANCE OF BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER OBSERVANCES

WAYNE – University Imaging has enhanced its Women's Health Center amenities and privacy in advance of two key observances that emphasize the importance of early detection in women's health.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and is followed by Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women age 35-74. Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, according to the American Cancer Society.

"When one is diagnosed and treated in the earliest stages, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is greater than 90%," according to Dr. Charles Whang, medical director of University Imaging, a division of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

"Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it can be felt or cause symptoms," said Dr. Whang. "And there is growing evidence that a breast MRI in combination with mammography can increase detection of breast cancer in higher risk groups of women."

University Imaging provides the full spectrum of imaging related to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases unique to women. Its Women's Health Center is situated in a separate wing and offers complete privacy and amenities that include plush cotton robes, and a more soothing and relaxed environment.

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Women should ask their doctor about which screenings are right for them. Among those available are:

- Low-dose digital mammography. "Low-Dose" refers to the level of radiation used in scanning. University Imaging's 64-slice scanner uses the lowest amount of radiation compared to any other scanner today. This makes scanning safer and allows patients access to more frequent testing, if prescribed by their doctor.
- Breast MRI
- Bone Density screening to detect the onset of Osteoporosis, which researchers estimate is present in about one out of five American women over the age of 50.
- Ultrasound

University Imaging is located in an 11,000 square-foot facility located in Suite 101 of 246 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, on the front grounds of St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital. It is a division of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and a member of the St. Joseph's Healthcare System.

For more information about University Imaging and diagnostic screenings to detect cancer, visit www.UniversityImaging.org or call 973.595.1300.

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