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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer.

Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her life. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 97 percent.

Mammography is one of the main ways of detecting breast cancer early. PCHS has announced that it now provides the latest in "high tech, soft touch" mammography.

The facility combines full-field digital mammography with a new breast cushion that dramatically eases the discomfort many women feel when they get a mammogram.

Perkins County Health Services Radiology Department is a certified Pink Ribbon Facility, a distinction awarded only to an elite group of health care facilities.

By offering women a softer mammogram, the facility hopes to increase the number of area women who follow recommendations for regular screenings.

The discomfort many women feel during mammography compression is widely known to be a reason that many don't get regular screenings.

In addition to compression, the cold surfaces and hard edges of the mammography device make the experience uncomfortable for some patients.

The breast cushion answers these complaints by providing a soft, warm cushion for the breast during mammography.

MammoPad®, which creates a softer and warmer mammogram, has been clinically demonstrated to reduce discomfort for most women.

Because women are more relaxed during the exam, it makes it even easier for our mammography technologists to get the best possible image.

MammoPad® and Selenia digital mammography together provide a more positive experience for women.

Selenia® digital mammography incorporates revolutionary imaging technology that provides incredibly sharp images.

Selenia digital mammography offers a number of other practical advantages and patient conveniences. Because there is no waiting for film to be developed it can significantly reduce the time patients spend in the exam room, as well as reduce the need for repeat exams due to under or over exposure.

Digital images are easily stored and transferred electronically, eliminating the dependency on one set of original films, which can be misfiled or lost in transit

Perkins County Health Services Radiology Department is committed to the fight against breast cancer. In offering both the MammoPad® breast cushion and digital mammography, PCHS provides the latest in imaging quality and comfort technology.

If you would like to schedule a mammogram or have questions about this important breast health procedure, please contact the Radiology Department at 308-352-7216.