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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection screenings through RCHD allow for preventive treatment.

PECOS, Texas (October 4, 2021) – Even though it is preventable, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in this country. It is also the second-leading cause of death among American women. In Texas, more than one third of women over 40 are past due for a breast cancer screening!

Regular screenings help detect breast cancer early, leading to better treatment outcomes. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in order to promote early detection and hopefully save more lives, Reeves County Hospital District is encouraging women in our community to see their local healthcare provider.

“While treatment methods have definitely improved, early detection remains key to bringing down breast cancer deaths,” said Dr. Deitrick Gorman, Family Practice with OB at the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, a service of Reeves County Hospital District. She noted that 3D mammograms are available in Pecos allowing women in our local community access to high quality and convenient mammography screenings.”

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that develops from breast tissue and, like many cancers, can quickly spread to other organs in the body if not detected early. Women ages 45 to 54 are urged to schedule a mammogram at RCHD ideally once a year. Women 55 and older can switch to a mammogram every other year or choose to maintain an annual screening.

Unlike many rural healthcare facilities in Texas, Reeves County Hospital District is home to a permanent 3D digital mammography scanner available year-round.

The digital 3D mammography scanner remains the most practical and accurate screening tool available for the early detection of breast cancer. It is generally the same screening device used at hospitals in larger cities throughout the country.

The newer 3D digital equipment scans mammograms using advanced computer imaging technology. The result is instant, higher resolution images of the breast compared to older film-based imaging.



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“Women in our area shouldn’t need to travel long distances for breast cancer screening” Dr. Gorman **said**. “That’s why it’s important RCHD to have a permanent scanner in the community providing our area women the convenience and peace of mind they need to help manage their personal healthcare.”

To learn more about local healthcare services or to schedule an appointment at the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, please call 432-447-0565.

About Reeves County Hospital District

Reeves County Hospital District (RCHD) provides healthcare services for people in Reeves County and neighboring communities in West Texas. Founded in 1954, RCHD, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers a wide variety of medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic radiology, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory and more. RCHD also operates American Home Health and Hospice and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, which offers family care, immunizations and other medical services. For more information, please visit www.reevescountyhospital.com.

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