



Banner Health

North Colorado Medical Center®

Breast Center



Digital Mammography

Our state-of-the-art digital mammography will make you feel more confident about your breast health. Our Breast Center at Summit View Medical Commons is the first health care provider in northern Colorado to offer the latest in breast health technology—full-field digital mammography.

With this innovation, you can now benefit from less radiation exposure, shorter exam times and enhanced image clarity resulting in up to 28 percent more breast cancer being detected.

Early detection is the best way to protect yourself from breast cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends an annual mammogram for every woman 40 and over. Feel confident about your breast health.

Why Full-Field Digital Mammography?

There are a variety of reasons to choose digital mammography:

- Digital pictures have greater picture clarity at the chest wall and the nipple line which is the second most common area to develop breast cancer.
- Digital mammograms are compatible with the R2 computer second read ability
- The Technologist does not have to leave the

room to develop the film, eliminating wait time

- The picture is visualized in seconds
- The picture is reviewed on a high-resolution monitor
- The radiologist can enhance the picture by adjusting the brightness, contrast and zooming in on specific areas of interest
- Digital mammograms give a clearer picture, there are less women called back for additional pictures

Full-field digital mammography captures the picture digitally and is not a digitized image of the old analog picture. It is a digital picture much like your digital camera at home and allows the image to be visualized within seconds, decreasing your wait time during the appointment.

Who Should have a Digital Mammogram?

In a study of over 40,000 women digital mammography was shown to have the most benefit for:

- Women under age 50
- Women of any age with dense breasts
- Pre- or perimenopausal women

There will be over 211,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Breast cancer is the

most diagnosed female cancer and over 40 percent of women have dense breasts. Each year, thousands of women rely on our Breast Center at Summit View Medical Commons for their annual screening mammograms and bone density studies. The Breast Center has made a commitment to give each woman the latest technology in a caring and compassionate manner. It is important to us to give you the best the industry has to offer, full-field digital mammography.

Women can receive a diagnosis in a matter of days because our breast care specialists and an array of the latest technologies are together in a single location. That's important because when a breast diagnostic exam is performed, you and your personal physician want to know the results quickly.

What makes this good news even better is the fact that most areas in the breast that are originally identified as being "suspicious" are found to be non-cancerous.

The Breast Center at Summit View Medical Commons is designed to meet your needs with:

- Staff that are sensitive to your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs
- Experienced, ACR certified physicians, mammography technologists and breast health specialist
- The most up-to-date technology
- Unique and healing physical environment

What are Breast Health Facts?

- Over 211,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year
- Breast cancer is the most diagnosed female cancer
- Forty percent of women have dense breasts

Why our Breast Center at Summit View Medical Commons?

- Our Breast Center was the first center in northern Colorado to provide Full-Field Digital Mammography
- Our Breast Center uses the Softer Touch mammopad - A soft, foam pad is provided that creates a cushion between you and the mammography machine
- A warm terry cloth robe is available for your comfort
- A pink carnation will make your day special

To schedule your digital mammogram or for additional questions about our services, please call (970) 350-6082