Greetings:

I would like to take a few moments to provide you with some exciting news. Baylor Health Care System now offers 3D Mammography at select locations across the metroplex. Mammography plays a critical role in the early detection of breast cancer. 3D mammography is a new tool that can be done in conjunction with a standard 2D digital mammogram. Several large clinical studies have shown that a 3D mammogram finds cancers 40% earlier than 2D mammography alone and reduces the chance that you will be called back for additional imaging by up to 40%.

3D mammography complements standard 2D digital mammography and is performed at the same time with the same system. There is no additional breast compression required and the exam takes just about the same time as a standard 2D digital mammogram. 3D works by capturing multiple slices (images) of the breast, from several angles. The images create a layered 3D breast image allowing the radiologist to review your breast for suspicious features, one thin slice at a time, almost like turning the pages of a book.

Current guidelines from the American Cancer Society (ACS), recommend that women have an annual screening mammogram beginning at age 40. 3D mammography is approved for all women who would be undergoing a standard 2D mammogram regardless of breast type, whether you are coming for a screening or diagnostic mammogram.

A screening mammogram is for women who are not experiencing any breast symptoms, such as a lump, nipple discharge, pain, personal history of breast cancer, and women who are not currently breast feeding. A diagnostic mammogram is for women being recalled from an abnormal screening mammogram or to evaluate a breast complaint or concern.

Please visit www.baylorhealth.com/breastimaging for a breast imaging location nearest you.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for choosing Baylor.

Sincerely,

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