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HAVASU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ADDS POWERFUL NEW TOOL IN FIGHT FOR EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER

Lake Havasu City, AZ – September 28, 2009 – Havasu Regional Medical Center has installed advanced digital mammography technology to better detect breast cancer and other breast diseases. Breast cancer detected by digital mammography is higher in many patients, according to the American College of Radiologists (ACR). HRMC's new high-tech equipment was developed by Hologic, Inc., a leading developer of digital mammography products.

There are many advantages to a digital system, including images that are clear and easy to read. Digital mammography offers a better view of the breast, especially near the skin line and chest wall, in women with diverse breast tissue types. Digital mammograms take as little as half the time of film. The digital image is ready to read within 10 seconds and there is no longer a wait for films to be developed to be sure the images are usable. If a second opinion is needed, the image can be sent electronically to a consulting physician virtually instantaneously.

“This new digital technology will provide both high-precision accuracy and increased ease of use for our patients” said Dr. Bobby Shah, Havasu Regional Medical Center's medical director of diagnostic imaging and an ACR member. “Digital systems allow Havasu Regional Medical Center to provide the best diagnostic equipment possible to patients, and are a vital step to good preventive health, and one we take very seriously.”

Havasu Regional Medical Center's three registered mammographers, with more than 30 combined years of experience, have been certified on the new digital equipment and ACR accreditation is expected shortly.

Havasu Regional Medical Center is a fully-accredited and licensed 181 bed general-acute care hospital with an on-campus rehabilitation inpatient facility. It is part of the Brentwood, Tennessee-based Lifepoint Hospitals (NASDAQ: LPNT), a leading hospital company focused on providing healthcare services in non-urban communities in 18 states, including Valley View Medical Center in Fort Mohave, Arizona.