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Breast Health and Mammography talk for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

WHAT: <u>Christiana Care Health System</u>'s Women's Health Talk: Breast Health & Mammography for Women who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

WHEN: Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: The Gateway Conference Room at Christiana Care's Wilmington Hospital, located at 501 W. 14th Street in Wilmington.

WHO: Jacqueline Ortiz, M.Phil, director of Cultural Competency, Health Equity and Language Services.

WHY: Christiana Care's Office of Health Equity and Cultural Competence and Christiana Care's Imaging Services – along with the disabilities support organization Independent Resources, Inc. – is hosting a special event in which women who are deaf and hard of hearing can learn about breast health, mammograms, and resources for deaf women.

Christiana Care is one of the first health systems in the nation to offer 3D mammography. This type of technology advanced mammography, offered at five locations at Christiana Care, produces three-dimensional breast images that enables more accurate screening and improved early detection.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, striking nearly 237,000 women in 2014, the most recent year in which data is available. That same year, 41,211 women died from breast cancer.

Journalists who would like attend this lecture can contact Christiana Care's Senior Manager of Media Relations Hiran Ratnayake at (302) 327-3327 or hrtnayake@christianacare.org.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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