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## **Sacred Heart Installs Latest Mammography Technology in Pace**

Sacred Heart Medical Park in Pace now offers three-dimensional imaging of the breast to provide women with better technology that can help physicians detect breast cancer earlier and with even greater accuracy. Earlier detection of breast cancer increases one's chances of survival.

Sacred Heart is part of Ascension, the nation's largest, non-profit health system.

Manufactured by Hologic, the 3D mammography exam produces results that are more accurate than conventional two-dimensional mammograms, detecting 20 percent to 65 percent more invasive breast cancers. It takes about the same amount of time as a two-dimensional exam, and it is the only mammogram that the FDA has approved as superior for women with dense breasts.

This is especially good news for women who have been diagnosed with dense breasts as three-dimensional imaging captures the fine details in dense breasts that may not be visible in a two-dimensional image. Nearly 50 percent of women between the ages of 40 and 74 have dense breasts, putting them at greater risk of developing breast cancer. 3D imaging allows the physician to examine breast tissue layer by layer versus studying a flat image produced by conventional technology.

"The 3D exam is more accurate for women of all ages, with both dense and non-dense breasts," said Kerrie Sessions, director of diagnostic services at Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola. "It also helps reduce unnecessary callbacks for further screenings."

Sacred Heart Medical Park in Pace is located at 3754 Hwy. 90. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 850-416-8078.

### **About Sacred Heart Health System**

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system,

Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

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