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**TCMC Offers 3D Tomography to Save More Lives from Breast Cancer**

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (April 23, 2019)— Tri-City Medical Center now offers 3D tomography as a secondary screening tool, which will allow doctors to find and treat cancer often masked in women with dense breast tissue. The technology will drastically improve the health of the community as more than 70 percent of all breast cancers are discovered in dense breasts.

Both dense breast tissue and cancer appear white on a traditional mammogram image, explaining why women with dense breast tissue often have inconclusive mammograms requiring a secondary screening.

The new system generates a 3D mammogram that can detect between 20 to 65 percent more invasive breast cancers than 2D alone, and is recommended as secondary screening for women with dense breast tissue as it can detect small tumors up to 15 months earlier than traditional mammography alone.

“This life saving 3D breast cancer screening program will really make a difference to the women in our community,” said Jennifer Paroly, executive director, Tri-City Hospital Foundation. “We are so grateful for the support we received from the community.”

Tri-City Medical Center is developing the most comprehensive breast cancer screening and care program in San Diego County, thanks to the generosity of donors of Tri-City Hospital Foundation.

In addition to the 3D mammography system, a generous donor underwrote the addition of a radiation-free robotically guided ultrasound-based technology known as the SonoCiné Automated Whole Breast Ultrasound. Tri-City Medical Center is the first facility in San Diego County to offer the SonoCiné. Both of these new breast cancer screening technologies are options for women who require secondary screening, often because they have dense breast tissue.

### **About Tri-City Hospital Foundation**

Tri-City Hospital Foundation is celebrating more than 50 years as a link between the community and the hospital. Since its inception, a generous community of donors have provided millions of dollars in grants to Tri-City Medical Center. Many of the hospital's most mission-critical facilities have been supported in whole or part by Foundation initiatives and community donors. Recently, the Foundation helped fund the da Vinci XI Surgical System with integrated table motion, making Tri-City Medical Center the only hospital in North San Diego County to have this state-of-the-art system in use for shorter, safer surgeries. For more information and to learn how you can be involved, please visit [www.tricityhospitalfoundation.org](http://www.tricityhospitalfoundation.org).

### **Tri-City Medical Center**

Tri-City Medical Center has served its community for over 50 years and is a 388-bed full service, acute-care hospital in Oceanside, Calif., with a primary care clinic and over 700 physicians practicing in 60 specialties. Its Gold Seal of Approval® from the Joint Commission recognizes its commitment to safe and effective patient care for the residents of the community it serves. It operates the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in North County as well as an Orthopedic & Spine Institute, a Cardiovascular Health Institute and a Neuroscience Institute along with the Tri-City Wellness Center in Carlsbad, Calif., recognized as one of the best wellness centers in San Diego County. It also specializes in women's health, robotic surgery, cancer and emergency care. For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit [www.tricitymed.org](http://www.tricitymed.org).