



AHN Partners with Glimmer of Hope to Offer Local Women with Dense Breast Tissue Access to Innovative Automated Breast Ultrasound Screening Technique

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PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Automated breast ultrasound (ABUS), the only breast cancer screening technology specifically developed and FDA-approved for women with dense breast tissue, is now available to patients at Allegheny Health Network (AHN).

Dense breast tissue makes it more difficult to detect small breast cancers on a mammogram, and the estimated 40 percent of women who have dense breasts are at a slightly higher risk for breast cancer. For these women, new and improved screening tools are critical.

Clinical trials have found that the Invenia Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) improves cancer detection by as much as 60 percent when used in conjunction with mammography.

AHN's investment in the ABUS technology was made possible by Glimmer of Hope, a Wexford-based breast cancer foundation dedicated to fighting breast cancer, particularly in younger women. In addition to the ABUS, Glimmer of Hope has also funded an integrative medicine program for young breast cancer patients at AHN, and a tomosynthesis system that provides clearer images of breast tissue while using less radiation.

"The 3-D images provided by ABUS help us better detect small cancers in dense breasts so that we can treat these cancers early and give women the best shot at a cure," said [William Poller, MD](#), Director, Division of Breast Imaging, AHN. "We thank Glimmer of Hope for making it possible for us to offer this state-of-the-art technology to women of the Pittsburgh region."

The ABUS is a comfortable and quick procedure, taking about 15 minutes. It is appropriate for women with dense breasts who have symptoms or a history of breast cancer, or as a follow-up test to mammogram findings, whether normal or benign.

The ABUS is available currently only at AHN's [Allegheny General Hospital](#). For an appointment, or to get a referral, call [412-DOCTORS](#).

AHN offers convenient access to mammography, including 3-D breast tomosynthesis, at numerous locations throughout the city, suburbs and region. AHN provides breast cancer patients with multidisciplinary, personalized care options close to home, along with the services of a 24/7 Care Navigator who remains by the patient's side throughout her entire journey.

About Allegheny Health Network

Allegheny Health Network, is a western Pennsylvania-based integrated healthcare system that serves patients from across a five state region that includes Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland and New York. The Network's Cancer Institute offers a complete spectrum of oncology care, including access to state-of-the-art technologies and new therapies being explored in clinical cancer trials. The Network's radiation oncology program is the largest in the country and accredited American College of Radiology. AHN also has a formal affiliation with the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, one of the nation's 41 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute, for research, medical education and clinical services.

To schedule an appointment with an AHN oncologist, please call 412.DOCTORS or visit www.ahn.org/find-a-doctor.

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