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## New mammogram technology at Tri-County Health Care

**WADENA, Minn. – Nov. 02, 2021 –** Tri-County Health Care now uses the Hologic SmartCurve Breast Stabilization System. This new equipment's design makes mammograms more comfortable for patients.

Discomfort is often cited as the main reason women avoid this potentially lifesaving procedure. This new technology increases patient comfort during mammogram screening with the use of conforming paddles. The paddles come in a variety of sizes to accommodate a wide range of patients.

"Using these paddles does not change our workflow. We simply attach the new paddles to the machine instead of the conventional paddles. Patients will notice these paddles do not pull as much and the compression is more even throughout the breast," explained Kate Lachowitzer, diagnostic imaging manager at Tri-County Health Care.

The new paddles are used in 3D mammography at Tri-County Health Care. It is recommended that women 40 and older receive a mammogram screening each year. To learn more, visit TCHC.org.

## ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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