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## **Komen Partners with “Right to Know” Campaign: Special Training for Mammography Technologists Offered**

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The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, in partnership with Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, announces an exciting training event, *Increasing Access to Mammography Services for Women with Disabilities*. The training aims to teach Mammography Technologists best practices for working with women with cognitive and physical disabilities. The training will be provided by Breast Health Access for Women with Disabilities (BHAWD). The event will be held Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Souther Auditorium, from 8:00am – 2:15pm. This activity has been approved by the ASRT for 5 Category A Credits. The event of interest to all Mammography Technologists and key breast health professionals.

Community Partners for the training: Providence St. Vincent Medical Center [www.providence.org](http://www.providence.org), OHSU Center for Women’s Health [www.ohsuwomenshealth.com](http://www.ohsuwomenshealth.com), OHSU Breast Health Education Program [www.ohsucancer.com](http://www.ohsucancer.com), NCI’s Cancer Information Service [www.cis.nci.nih.gov](http://www.cis.nci.nih.gov), The Oregon Office on Disability and Health [www.cdrc.ohsu.edu/oodh](http://www.cdrc.ohsu.edu/oodh), Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/cancer](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/cancer), Women with Disabilities Health Equity Coalition [www.wowdhec.org](http://www.wowdhec.org), Tuality Healthcare Breast Health Services [www.tuality.org](http://www.tuality.org), Oregon Breast & Cervical Cancer Program [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/bcc](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/bcc), and Epic Imaging [www.epicimaging.com](http://www.epicimaging.com).

The "Right to Know Campaign" is a health communication program that was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase awareness of and promote breast cancer screening for women with physical disabilities 40 years and older. The goal of this campaign is to improve access, health promotion, health marketing and communication around breast cancer screening and awareness for women with physical disabilities in Oregon. The Oregon Office on Disability and Health (OODH) will partner with the Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control, Oregon’s Independent Living Centers and other community organizations to strategically implement this program in several Oregon communities through the year 2012.

The OODH is a joint partnership, funded since 1994, with the Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Division. OODH collaborates with both community-based and state organizations at the local, regional, and state levels to improve the health and wellness of people with disabilities through health promotion, training, surveillance, program evaluation, education, community engagement, dissemination, and policy development activities that address health disparities and secondary conditions.

For additional information: visit: [www.bhawd.org](http://www.bhawd.org), [www.komenoregon.org](http://www.komenoregon.org), and [www.cdrc.ohsu.edu/oodh/](http://www.cdrc.ohsu.edu/oodh/) or contact: Gail Brownmiller, Community Program Manager, at [gbrownmiller@komenoregon.org](mailto:gbrownmiller@komenoregon.org)

### **About Susan G. Komen for the Cure**

The Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure was founded in 1991 by a group of individuals committed to the vision of a world without breast cancer. The Affiliate serves Oregon and SW Washington, and is the only non-profit serving Oregon & SW Washington that focuses solely on breast cancer. Seventy-five percent of dollars raised in Oregon & SW Washington go to fund community grant programs, survivor support services and vital screening. The remaining 25 percent funds research grants on a national level. For more information, visit [www.komenoregon.org](http://www.komenoregon.org)

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