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Mammography for Women with Disabilities: Technologist Training

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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.

Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed malignancy in women and Oregon has the second highest incidence rate in the country. The key to survival is early detection. Yet women with disabilities are consistently under-screened and breast health outreach remains substandard for this population. In an effort to mitigate the health disparity and improve breast health for all women, the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate is pleased to present *Increasing Access to Mammography Services for Women with Disabilities*. The training will address such topics as disparities, barriers, accommodations, communication, and positioning. This activity has been approved by the ASRT for 5 Category A Credits. The training is of interest to all Mammography Technologists and those key health professionals involved in the delivery of mammography services, including supervisors and program managers.

Providing more equitable and effective mammography services for women with disabilities is a key breast health priority. The *Increasing Access to Mammography Services for Women with Disabilities* training strives to meet this health priority and establish a community commitment to the breast cancer movement and disability issues.

For additional information: visit: www.bhawd.org and www.komenoregon.org, or contact: Courtney Everson, Community Program Intern, at ceverson@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



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