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## **Women's Diagnostic Center at Valparaiso Health Center expands to meet patient need**

VALPARAISO | Patients can expect spacious exam rooms, shorter wait times and additional diagnostic equipment when they visit the expanded Women's Diagnostic Center at Valparaiso Health Center of St. Mary Medical Center.

The new space, located on the second floor of the facility at 3800 St. Mary Drive, Valparaiso, opened to patients in early April, with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony April 24.

The center expanded its footprint within the building by more than double. The increased size accommodates a fully equipped second mammography area, larger radiology reading room, consultation suite and more.

"This project reflects the continued growth of services provided by Community Healthcare System and demonstrates our commitment to investing in women's healthcare in Northwest Indiana," St. Mary Medical Center CEO Janice Ryba said.

The six Women's Diagnostic Centers of Community Healthcare System consistently are recognized as Northwest Indiana's leading providers in advanced diagnostic technology and services. The American College of Radiology designated breast imaging centers of excellence are supported by the expertise of fellowship-trained, dedicated breast radiologists. Patients often receive same-day mammography results. When further testing is needed, nurse navigators guide patients through the process for follow-up care and support resources.

For more information about the Women's Diagnostic Centers of Community Healthcare System, visit [COMHS.org/services/womens-care/womens-diagnostic-centers](https://COMHS.org/services/womens-care/womens-diagnostic-centers).

Cutlines:

VHC\_1: Staff members gather with St. Mary Medical Center CEO Janice Ryba (center) for a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 24 at the Valparaiso Health Center of St. Mary Medical Center to celebrate the expanded Women's Diagnostic Center. The center, which more than doubled in size through this project, accommodates a fully equipped second mammography area, larger radiology reading room, consultation suite and more.

VHC\_2: Erica Summerfield, mammography tech (left), and Janushi Dalal, MD, a fellowship-trained radiologist with Community Healthcare System (right), stand beside mammography equipment at an open house April 24 at the Valparaiso Health Center of St. Mary Medical Center to celebrate the expanded Women's Diagnostic Center. The center, which more than doubled in size through this project, accommodates a fully equipped second mammography area, larger radiology reading room, consultation suite and more.

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