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MANA OPENS INTERIM FAYETTEVILLE BREAST CENTER



Feb. 22, two months after an electrical fire forced MANA to close The Breast Center on Sunbridge Drive in Fayetteville, the physicians and staff opened an interim Fayetteville center at 3352 North Futrall Dr., next to MANA Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic.

The temporary Breast Center location will provide the full menu of breast imaging services provided at the Sunbridge center, including diagnostic and screening services, 3D mammography, Aurora dedicated breast MRI, Sonociné dense breast screening, ultrasound, biopsy, risk assessment and genetic testing.

Immediately after the December electrical fire, patients were rescheduled at The Breast Center in Bentonville. To accommodate more patients, The Breast Center – Bentonville extended normal weekday business hours and added Saturday hours. MANA began to work on plans for an interim clinic the same week of the fire. Restoration and construction to repair the fire damage at the 55 West Sunbridge Dr. facility are expected to take six to nine months.

A mobile mammography unit with 3D capabilities arrived Feb. 7 at MANA Plaza, 3383 N. MANA Court in Fayetteville between Northwest Arkansas Pediatrics and MANA Plaza. Dr. Danna Grear was on site to

welcome the tractor-trailer with the mobile mammography suite. "It was a beautiful sight to watch the mobile mammography truck pull into our parking lot," said Dr. Grear. "We were able to start providing screening mammograms using the latest technology within 36 hours of its arrival."

In addition, a special concrete pad was poured at 3352 Futrall Dr. for a mobile Aurora Dedicated Breast MRI Unit that became available mid-March. The Breast Center in Fayetteville and Dr. Steven Harms offered the only dedicated breast MRI in Northwest Arkansas. Dedicated breast MRI is the most sensitive test available for diagnosing breast cancer. When the facility was forced to close, this service was not available at the Bentonville office or anywhere else in Northwest Arkansas.

Throughout this event, the radiologists and staff have stayed focused on patient care. Timing is very important to the care The Breast Center provides, from yearly screening mammograms to timely diagnostic care. "When our facilities are compromised, that makes our job a little harder, but we are making it work," explains Dr. Kevin Pope. "We have an amazing team of dedicated technologists, nurses, schedulers, radiologists, our fearless leader, director Sarah Faitak, and support staff at MANA, who have stayed focused on patient care." ■



Drs. Danna Grear, Kevin Pope, Stacy Smith-Foley, Britton Loft, Kelly Johnson and Steven Harms have been working to open an Interim Breast Center in Fayetteville since a December fire forced them to close their clinic. The Interim Fayetteville Breast Center opened in February.

To schedule a yearly screening exam or other exam in Fayetteville or Bentonville, call (479) 442-6266 or request an appointment at www.mana.md.

ARKANSAS LUNG CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM A SUCCESS

When Thomas Donovan started smoking in the Army Reserves in 1945, cigarettes did not have warning labels. Smoking proved to be a very difficult habit to quit that he struggled with throughout his life. In 2014, his physician, Dr. Allen Moseley, told him about a lung cancer screening CT exam. "I agreed because I knew that once it hurts, it is too late to do anything," Thomas said. He had lost his wife and brother to lung cancer.

Dr. Moseley explained that the lung screening could find cancer when it was small and treatable. In September 2014, Thomas had the screening, a low-dose CT scan of his lungs, at MANA Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic and a cancer was found.



His right upper lung was removed a month later and he has been cancer-free for 17 months. Thomas goes to the clinic periodically to have follow-up exams and recommends the screening to his friends.

The Center for Chest Care's Lung Cancer Screening Program began in March 2013 as a partnership between the physicians at Highlands Oncology, Cardiovascular Surgical Clinic of Northwest Arkansas and Medical Associates of Northwest Arkansas. They have screened 1,900 candidates and detected 51 lung cancers.

According to Dr. Edward Jackson, a pulmonologist at MANA Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic, the program is one of the most successful in the nation. "I am not sure if it is because we have more smokers in Arkansas or because of the group of specialists we have on our team who meet weekly outside of clinic hours to review the cases, but we have found more cancers than other screening centers," said Dr. Jackson.

Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer deaths in the United States, mainly because it is often found in its later stages. The group started offering the CT lung screening at no cost to attract more participants. The program is not about making money, its mission is to save lives by finding lung cancer early. "If we do not have those at risk getting the screening because of the cost, it could not be successful," explained Dr. Jackson.

Qualifications for the free lung cancer screening program include age (50 years and older) and smoking history. The Center for Chest Care offers the screening at accredited centers in Fayetteville and Bentonville. ■

Representatives of the Lung Screening program, Daniel Bradford, MD, Highlands Oncology; Edward Jackson, MD, MANA Pulmonary Medicine; Tommy Hinton, MD, MANA Imaging; Desiree Nelson, RN, MANA Pulmonary Medicine; Joanna Thompson, Center for Chest Care; Vanessa Branch, MD, Diagnostic Radiologist with MANA Imaging and Jamie Shackelford, RN, MANA Pulmonary Medicine.



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