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Hudson Headwaters Receives Wood Foundation Grant for Mammography Equipment

Hudson Headwaters Health Network has received a \$460,000 grant from the Charles R. Wood Foundation to purchase a new digital mammography system for the Warrensburg Health Center.

“The Charles R. Wood Foundation’s incredibly generous underwriting of our new digital mammography system speaks volumes about the good hands into which Charlie left his philanthropy,” said John Rugge, M.D. and CEO of Hudson Headwaters. “The Wood Foundation’s commitment to help people in the rural North Country is very special. Early detection of breast cancer saves lives and there’s no better test than a mammogram.”

Rugge noted that more than 2,000 women have received mammograms at the Warrensburg Health Center in the past 12 months. “Warrensburg is our ‘hub’ health referral center, and it serves people from throughout the Adirondacks.” As for the new equipment, “it replaces an analog unit that has operated up to its projected lifespan.” Rugge added that the new equipment is expected to be delivered in January 2008.

“The new digital mammography equipment will be state of the art,” said Shelly Williams, Imaging Services Manager at the Warrensburg Health Center. Williams emphasized that the new unit will have the ability to integrate with a digital x-ray system that the Network will need to acquire in the future, as well as with electronic medical records. The mammography equipment, manufactured by Lorad/Hologic, was selected for its ease of use, durability and the recommendations of the best experts in the field.

Since the beginning of 2003, the number of mammograms given annually at the Warrensburg Health Center has increased by 18%. Rugge added: “Having mammography available in Warrensburg is clearly essential to health access for women – especially those who would likely not travel to Glens Falls if this service is not locally available.”

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