

# Ogallala Community Hospital now offers 3D mammography

Southwestern Nebraskans can access advanced technology locally

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OGALLALA, Neb. (Oct. 29, 2019) — In an effort to improve patient care and accessibility, Ogallala Community Hospital (OCH) is now offering 3D mammography. The hospital and adjacent clinic are working together to enhance women services and bring a lifesaving technology to Ogallala.

With the 3D Mammography Unit, breast imaging is more detailed and precise than before. Ward Kroeger, diagnostic senior manager, said his team is already seeing fewer callbacks for additional imaging services.

“We’re bringing cutting-edge services to patients closer to where they live,” he said. “Patients will benefit from possible earlier breast cancer detection and intervention.”

With the new low-dose 3D mammography system, the X-ray arm sweeps in a slight arc over the breast, taking multiple images in just seconds. Radiologists are then able to view the images individually as well as together.

Studies show a 20 to 40 percent reduction in false positives and the need for additional imaging. The system also generates 2D images from the 3D information so physicians can compare current images with previous images that were done in the 2D format.

In addition to improved image quality and patient care, Kroeger said that his team has added two technologists in recent years who are able to work directly with patients to schedule appointments, address concerns and answer questions.

Ogallala Community Hospital is located at 2601 N. Spruce St. To schedule an appointment, call (308) 284-7214.

## About Ogallala Community Hospital

Ogallala Community Hospital in Ogallala, Neb., is part of Banner Health, one of the country’s largest nonprofit health care systems with 28 hospitals in six states. OCH offers services including emergency care, inpatient services, infusion therapy, medical imaging, orthopedics, surgery, obstetrics and women’s services. For more information, visit [www.BannerHealth.com/Ogallala](http://www.BannerHealth.com/Ogallala).

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