

The Foundation for Cancer Care/Commonwealth Health Integrated Network Cancer Program Free Breast Cancer Screening

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Screening Background:

The Commonwealth Health Integrated Network Cancer Program (INCP) Cancer Committee identified a need for a Breast Cancer Screening in our community, particularly among Spanish-speaking and marginalized women. These women depend on the care provided by the University of Scranton Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured, Scranton Primary Care Center, Friends of the Poor and Regional Urgent Care Facilities.

Based on this need, the INCP Community Outreach Committee worked with the INCP Community Partner, *The Foundation for Cancer Care*, to hold a free mammogram screening event targeting disadvantaged women in Northeast Pennsylvania, including Spanish-speaking women. The Foundation for Cancer Care is a community based foundation, a 501 (c) (3), which provides financial assistance, support and educational services for cancer patients, as well as screening programs in the community.

Several organizational outreach meetings were held to discuss the INCP Breast Cancer Screening and lay out the working plan for the screening. Outreach volunteers from *The Foundation for Cancer Care* worked with local community health centers, local churches and private physicians to register patients to be screened.

The Foundation for Cancer Care/Commonwealth Health INCP Free Breast Cancer Screening was held on May 13th, 2017.

Per the direction of the INCP Cancer Committee the Breast Cancer Screening Program was consistent with evidence-based national guidelines and evidence-based intervention--in particular the NCCN, NCI, NIH and ACS guidelines. These guidelines were used to ensure compliance with evidence-based national guidelines and evidence-based interventions.

The procedures and processes approved by the INCP Cancer Committee for the screening were reviewed with volunteer staff at each planning meeting.

The screening program processes approved by the INCP Cancer Committee for follow up on all positive findings of participants was developed using evidence-based national guidelines specifically NCCN, NCI, NIH and ACS.

Screening Follow Up Plan to Communicate Results

The Screening process and follow up plan to communicate results is detailed below.

The actual mammograms were done at the Delta Medix Breast Care Center and the nursing volunteers were members of the INCP and Delta Medix. Appointments were made directly by the woman or by the PCP office. In either case they were asked a few questions (if they have a PCP; if so, who their PCP is; the date of their last mammogram; where was it done). They were asked to bring prior films so the radiologist could compare the prior films to those taken at the screening.

When they were registered, they were required to give a contact number so they could be contacted in the event extra images were required. If their results were normal they were notified by letter. If there was an abnormal result they were contacted to return for either additional diagnostic views or an ultrasound, based on the recommendation of the radiologist reading the mammogram.

On the day of the screening each woman met with a Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse to learn breast self-examination. They also were able to ask any questions related to their breast health.

ALL results were forwarded to the PCP if the woman listed one at intake. If the appointment was made by the PCP Office the results were automatically sent to that PCP.

If there were additional views or an ultrasound required, *The Foundation for Cancer Care* provided the funding for both.

If there was further workup necessary, the patient was sent back to their PCP to determine the best course of treatment. If the woman had no PCP, *The Foundation for Cancer Care* referred them to a PCP or a surgeon for follow-up.

Summary of Results of *the Foundation for Cancer Care/ Commonwealth Health Free Mammogram Screening May 13, 2017*

- 5 Mammogram Technicians
- 5 Nurses (both R.N. & C.R.NP.)
- 3 Translators
- 6 Support Staff
- 37 Appointments were made
- 31 women kept their appointments

- 6 women cancelled but four of those six rescheduled their screening mammogram and the results for all were normal
- 35 women in total were screened
- 0 cancers were detected through mammogram
- 14 women received their first mammogram
- 10 women had their last mammogram free from The Foundation for Cancer Care
- 15 women were Spanish-speaking and an interpreter was provided for them
- 16 women were English-speaking
- 1 woman was called back and received an ultrasound and the finding was normal

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