

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



Linda Johnson R.T. (R) (M)
Mammography

Joan Lauer from the Center for Women's Health submitted the following nomination...

A number of months ago Linda attended a mammography technicians conference on "Women with Disabilities" hoping to learn some new techniques for performing mammograms for women with various special needs. Linda came back from the conference with a better understanding of the needs and apprehensions that prevent women with disabilities from seeking care. Simultaneously, we in the Breast Center and Women's Imaging became involved with the Women with Disabilities Health Equity Coalition (WoWDHEC). Linda's new awareness, together with our new relationship with WoWDHEC, started Linda thinking about what she could do to further help these women with special needs. Linda had a brainstorm - a picture book without words that would show the facility here at OHSU; a step-by-step pictorial walk through a mammogram. She talked about it with one of the WoWDHEC staff whom r indicated there was a grant available to produce it. Linda then went to Erwin Schwarz, director, Radiology, to discuss the project. Erwin supported her completely. Linda solicited her co-workers who offered to help on their own time, on a Saturday, to come into Women's Imaging and stage the photos for the book. With over 300 photos to review, Linda selected the pictures, selected backgrounds, a cover, and submitted it all to an online service that subsequently published one copy of the book. The simplicity of it and the reason for its creation is enough to make a grown person cry. Linda is also in the process of creating a similar book showing a woman in a wheelchair. What these books demonstrate is that any woman can have her mammogram and be treated with respect, in safety and with any special need. The book/s will now go to an OHSU committee for possible approval for publication. I



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