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## CarePoint Health & Mayor Davis Cut Ribbon on New 3D Mammography and Bone Density Machines at Bayonne Medical Center

BAYONNE, NJ – CarePoint Health and Bayonne Medical Center leadership joined today with Bayonne Mayor James Davis to cut the ribbon and officially open the hospital's new, state-of-the-art 3D mammography machine in the radiology unit. The ceremony caps a month of events and programming as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In addition to the 3D mammography machine, the hospital's Women's Center also unveiled its new DEXA bone density scanner.

"We know the importance that early detection plays in saving lives, especially for individuals diagnosed with breast cancer," said Dr. Natasha Deckmann, Chief Executive Officer, CarePoint Health. "That is why we have been committed to bringing 3D mammography here to Bayonne Medical Center. This new technology will help ensure more patients are receiving important early detection screenings which can improve outcomes and lead to longer lives."

The addition of this specialized equipment will enable doctors to have a better in-depth look at and behind breast tissue in order to more accurately detect possible abnormalities that may indicate breast cancer. Osteoporosis can be diagnosed by the DEXA bone density scanner that definitively determines the degree to which bone loss is occurring.

Both Bayonne Medical Center and Christ Hospital are accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, which aligns with CarePoint Health's commitment to provide high-quality, multidisciplinary, patient-centered cancer care.

"We are proud that here at Bayonne Medial Center we are providing top-quality cancer care for our patients," said Dr. Vijayant Singh, Chief Hospital Executive of Bayonne Medical Center. "Part of that mission includes having state-of-the-art technology like this new 3D mammography machine so that we can reach as many patients as possible."

Early detection and getting mammograms regularly can improve the outcomes from breast cancer. With breast cancer claiming 1,300 lives annually in New Jersey as the <u>most common form of cancer</u> in the state, adding 3D mammography and a bone density scanner to Bayonne Medical Center ensures that Hudson County women have the latest x-ray technology available to them to provide clearer imaging and more accurate diagnoses on the state of their breast and bone health.

"I would like to thank CarePoint for acquiring this important new technology," said Mayor Davis. "It offers the opportunity to detect breast cancer and to save lives."

## About CarePoint Health

CarePoint Health brings quality, patient-focused health care to Hudson County. Combining the resources of three area hospitals, Bayonne Medical Center, Christ Hospital in Jersey City, and Hoboken University Medical Center, CarePoint Health provides a new approach to deliver health care that puts the patient front and center. CarePoint leverages a network of top doctors, nurses and other medical professionals whose expertise and attentiveness work together to provide complete coordination of care, from the doctor's office to the hospital to the home. Patients benefit from the expertise and capabilities of a broad network of leading specialists and specialized technology. And at CarePoint Health, all medical professionals emphasize preventive medicine and focus on educating patients to make healthy life choices. For more information on its facilities, partners and services, visit <u>www.carepointhealth.org</u>.