



# Saint Alphonus Medical Center

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## Saint Alphonus Medical Center – Ontario opens Comprehensive Breast Care Center Ribbon Cutting and Blessing Thursday April 14, 2011

**ONTARIO, OR. (April 14, 2011)** Women wanting the highest quality images from their mammogram can now receive them in Ontario at Saint Alphonus Medical Center. Digital Mammography is the latest technology in the fight against breast cancer. The state-of-the-art technology converts x-rays into an electronic signal that can be sent directly to a monitor for viewing and creates a more superior, higher quality image of the breast, thus aiding the radiologist in seeing specific areas of interest. The new mammography process is streamlined allowing images to be evaluated immediately.

Digital mammography is different from conventional mammography in how the image of the breast is acquired, and more importantly, viewed. In addition to offering superior mammography technology, The Saint Alphonus - Ontario Comprehensive Breast Care Center offers a softer, warmer mammogram by using the MammoPad breast cushion at no extra charge to the patient. The MammoPad has been clinically demonstrated to reduce discomfort, associated with mammograms. This recyclable breast cushion is “invisible” to X-rays and does not interfere with the image quality of the mammogram.

Another advantage of the digital equipment is its efficiency, it allows a shorter exam time for the patient and a capacity to perform an exam every 15 minutes.

Additionally, the Comprehensive Breast Care Center will provide bone density testing. A bone density test can determine whether you have osteoporosis or if you are at risk for developing osteoporosis.

Breast Care is an important initiative of the Saint Alphonus Health System as Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. This is why Saint Alphonus is now providing digital mammography in each geographic location, Ontario, Nampa, Baker City and Boise. Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her life. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 97%. If you would like to schedule a mammogram or have questions about this important breast health procedure, please call (541) 881-7474

**What: Comprehensive Breast Care Center Ribbon Cutting & Blessing Ceremony**

**When: 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Thursday April 14, 2011**

**Where: Saint Alphonus – Ontario 351 SW Ninth Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914**

**About Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario**

*Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario is a 49-licensed bed community hospital providing quality care for those in eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho. As a not-for-profit hospital, Saint Alphonsus Ontario reinvests profits back into the community. Our highly trained and compassionate medical providers and support staff work to provide healing and hope for those we serve and to meet the growing healthcare needs of our communities. For more information about Saint Alphonsus Ontario visit [www.saintalphonsus.org](http://www.saintalphonsus.org) .*

**About Saint Alphonsus Health System**

Saint Alphonsus Health System is a four-hospital, 714-bed regional, faith-based Catholic ministry with over 4,300 Associates and 950 medical staff. Serving the people of southwestern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada, Saint Alphonsus Health System is comprised of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise, Idaho; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Nampa, ID; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Ontario, OR; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center – Baker City, OR; Saint Alphonsus Medical Group, with more than 275 primary care and specialty care providers at 35 clinic locations. As a not-for-profit health system, Saint Alphonsus Health System reinvests profits back into the community and works to improve the health and well-being of those we serve by emphasizing care that is patient-centered, innovative and community-based. Saint Alphonsus Health System is a member of Trinity Health, Novi, Michigan. To find out more go to: [www.saintalphonsushealthsystem.org](http://www.saintalphonsushealthsystem.org)

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