

Early detection of breast or cervical cancer can save your life.



Staff members from a rural Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) referred a 40 year old Hispanic woman to the Early Detection Works* (EDW) breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic program to enroll for a free breast exam and mammogram. EDW, its related partners and providers help decrease financial barriers to breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment for women across Kansas. The woman had never had a mammogram and had no complaints. The clinical breast exam was normal and a screening mammogram was ordered. The radiologist recommended a diagnostic left mammogram after identifying a group of microcalcifications. A diagnostic mammogram was done a few days later and surgical consult followed within 10 days. Five days later the patient had a breast biopsy that revealed ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

The patient had a lumpectomy performed three weeks later and is now cancer-free. Because staff members at the FQHC were proactive and encouraged this young woman to enroll in EDW, she received her diagnosis at an earlier, less costly and easier to treat stage.

** Early Detection Works (EDW) pays for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostics for Kansas women who are 40-64 years old (or younger with symptoms), low income, and who do not have health insurance. These services are supported by a combination of state, federal, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and American Cancer Society funding sources. Women who are Kansas residents and diagnosed with cancer through EDW are referred to KanCare (Kansas Medicaid) for treatment.*