

Breast Cancer – 1

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Women in Arkansas due for breast cancer screenings, are being encouraged to get screened. Dr. Ronda S. Henry-Tillman, a breast cancer surgeon at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, says fewer women are getting checked since the shutdown of elective medical procedures in the early days of the pandemic.

NEWS20 0:21 “... valuable was halted.”

Nearly 3,000 fewer women got screened or diagnosed for breast cancer between March and September of this year compared to the same time period last year at UAMS. According to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a screening mammography reduces breast cancer mortality in some age groups by up to 35% percent.

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Some doctors and hospitals have adopted new practices to encourage women in Arkansas to get breast cancer screenings. Surgical oncologist Dr. Ronda S. Henry-Tillman, with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, says women have been slow to return to waiting rooms that were crowded before the coronavirus pandemic.

NEWS21 0:14 “... rooms for mammography.”

According to the American Cancer Society, early detection of breast cancer significantly reduces the mortality rate. The number of breast cancer screenings between March and September at UAMS dropped by over 30% percent compared to the same period last year.