



## NEWS RELEASE from Halton Healthcare

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# Halton Healthcare to host free "Mammothon" breast screening event at Georgetown, Milton and Oakville hospitals

(Halton Hills / Milton / Oakville, ON) October 6, 2016 – On Thursday, October 20, 2016 Halton Healthcare, in partnership with the Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program, is hosting a free breast screening event at all three of its hospitals.

Women between the ages of 50 and 74 whom have not had a mammogram in the last two years are encouraged to register for a free breast screening at the Georgetown Hospital, the Milton District Hospital or the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. No doctor's referral is required to book an appointment.

"In Ontario, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, affecting one in nine women in their lifetime and the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age," explains Dr. Jillian Feberwee, Lead Radiologist for Women's Imaging at Halton Healthcare. "Due to misinformation, fear of bad news or concerns about mammograms, many women are not being screened regularly for breast cancer. Many women avoid or delay their regular mammogram - the very test that could help save their life."

The Mammothon is a one-day breast screening campaign organized by the Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program. The campaign was created in 2014 to address common barriers that women experience toward regular cancer screening including fear, embarrassment and a lack of time and/or awareness.

Are you due for a mammogram? Please sign up today at the hospital most convenient for you to receive your mammogram on October 20:

Georgetown Hospital	905-873-4596
Milton District Hospital	905-876-7023
Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital	905-338-4604

#### About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 325,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit <u>www.haltonhealthcare.com</u>. Follow us on Twitter @<u>HaltonHlthcare</u>.

### About the Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program:

The Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program oversees the delivery and quality of cancer services for over 2 million residents of both the Central West and Mississauga Halton regions. It is one of 13 Regional Cancer Programs created by Cancer Care Ontario to ensure cancer care is delivered according to province-wide quality standards.

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