

## **MODERN “LESS PAIN” BREAST MAMMO NOW AT LORMA**

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SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION – Lorma’s Imaging Center provides a number of options for the screening and diagnosis of breast diseases.

The latest upgrade is Digital Mammography, which instead of using films, captures the internal structure of the breast directly into the computer. With Digital Mammography, there is less discomfort so patient anxiety is minimized. The exam time is also reduced, and, therefore, radiation dosage is lower.

Another option is Sonomammogram, which is a breast ultrasound that produces an image of the internal structure of the breast. A thin layer of gel is applied on the skin. Images of the breast are taken using sound waves.

A third option is Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI ), which uses a combination of magnetic energy and radio waves to create images of the inside of the body. It is painless, does not expose the patient to x-rays and takes about 45 minutes to an hour. Breast MRI usually is performed when a doctor needs more information than what a mammogram, ultrasound or clinical breast exam can provide.

Another is bone scan, also known as breast scintigraphy, an imaging test used to determine whether breast cancer has traveled to the bones. Bone scans begin with an injection of radioactive material into your arm. This substance, called a tracer, travels through your bloodstream and into your bones. This could take several hours. A special camera takes pictures of the tracer in your bones. Areas that absorb little or no amount of tracer appear as dark or "cold" spots. This could show a lack of blood supply to the bone or certain types of cancer. A bone scan is painless and the test involves very little radiation exposure and poses no greater risk than a standard x-ray.

Whatever option you choose, a woman over 40 years old, should consider breast exam once a year as a preventive measure and as an early detection for breast cancer. For an appointment, call Lorma’s Imaging Department at 072-700-0000 local 134, 155 or 159.

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