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**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CELEBRATES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

(MIAMI, October 16, 2013) - The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness month and reminds women to take charge of their health by getting regular mammograms. Oftentimes, in the beginning stages of breast cancer, lumps are too small to feel; signs and symptoms are not always present. A mammogram is the best test for finding breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt. Women should talk to a licensed health care provider about how to get a mammogram and how often. Men may also get breast cancer, although it is not very common.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County will participate in the following events:

Mammogram Screening Day

October 19, 2013
Comprehensive Breast Center
6401 SW 87 Avenue
Suite 122
Miami, Florida 33173

October 26, 2013
Ambulatory Diagnostic Center
747 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
Suite 100
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Pre-Registration is required

To register please call (305) 470-5634 or (305) 470-5635

The Florida Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings to women ages 50-64 throughout Florida, who are uninsured and at or below the 200% federal poverty level. The program has 16 lead sites that cover all counties in Florida. The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County serves as a lead site.

For more information on the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program or to make an appointment please call (305) 470-5634.

For more information about the DOH Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, visit www.doh.state.fl.us/family/cancer/bcc/locations.html. For more information about breast cancer in men, visit the National Cancer Institute's [website](#).

For general information on the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, visit www.cancer.gov/, the CDC's site at www.cdc.gov/, the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, or the Florida Cancer Data System at <http://fcds.med.miami.edu/>.

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