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Community Healthcare Network Issues Statement in Reaction to a Recent Mammogram Study

(New York, N.Y.) – Community Healthcare Network’s Women’s Health Director, Dr. Constance Young, issued the following statement in reaction to the recent New York Times article, *Vast Study Casts Doubts on Value of Mammograms*:

The goal of any screening test is to find a disease or cancer early so it can be treated. For many years mammograms have been used to screen for breast cancer. Women over 50 have been told to get mammograms every year. A recent NY Times article, "Vast Study Casts Doubts on Value of Mammograms" questions the value of mammography for women of any age in preventing death from breast cancer.

For women ages 40 and up, getting a mammogram every 1-2 years is still recommended by many organizations, including the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. New data are always coming out and the best strategy at times like these are to see your health care provider and discuss your risk factors, and what is best for you. Community Healthcare Network continues to recommend regular mammograms as part of your health care.

After reviewing many recent studies, the American Cancer Society is planning to issue revised mammogram guidelines later in the year. We will keep you posted as updated information becomes available.

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About Community Healthcare Network
Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is a not-for-profit organization providing access to affordable, culturally-competent and comprehensive community-based primary care, dental, nutrition, mental health and social services for diverse populations in underserved communities throughout New York City. CHN serves more than 75,000 individuals a year who would otherwise have little or no access to critical health care. CHN is composed of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and NCQA designated Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), a school-based dental clinic and a mobile health unit. CHN earned Meaningful Use attestation for the advanced state of its Health Information Technology (Electronic Health Records). To learn more about CHN visit our website at www.chnnyc.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.