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**Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Women's Imaging Center is recognized  
as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence**

**Grass Valley, CA (February 2012)** – The National Consortium of Breast Centers is proud to recognize the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH) Women's Imaging Center as a Certified Breast Center of Excellence in the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program (NQMBC). This distinguished honor represents a commitment by this breast center to provide the highest level of quality breast health care to patients in their community. This level of certification in the NQMBC Program is valid for one year.

Measuring and comparing quality performance is essential in assessing patient care and allocating resources where improvement is desired. In today's dynamic healthcare industry, breast centers are faced with providing quality care while simultaneously keeping costs under control. The SNMH staff are familiar with existing standards of care, and keep up to date on new industry advances. SNMH Women's Imaging Center provides the best possible quality care to breast patients in our community.

Sierra Nevada Women's Imaging Center is the most advanced and comprehensive service in Western Nevada County. The imaging center's nurse navigator program makes the path easy for patients to get the care and educational resources they need. "Being designated as a Breast Center of Excellence demonstrates how important our team approach is at our Center. From support personnel who enter data and check every mammogram that's read and schedulers who get patients in quickly for their appointments to radiologists, nurse navigator, and technologists, we all work together so that every patient is seen as quickly as possible and gets the necessary studies and results reports often on the same day. We help each person navigate through the procedure as well as obtain financial assistance as needed," said Linda Aeschliman RN, Nurse Navigator. The Center's dedicated team of 5 Radiologists are committed to providing the best care possible and have a combined expertise of over 75 years.

The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers were developed by referencing the Health Care Advisory Board's Clinical Quality Dash Board for breast centers published in the Fall of 2004. The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers reflect more than five years of work, which has culminated in the adoption of more than 33 National Quality Indicators.

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