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# Breast cancer will be seminar topic

Men and women interested in breast cancer prevention and treatment can get such information at a seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Horizon Surgery Center in Livonia.

Dr. Phillip Lafate, chief of general surgery, will be the guest speaker. A question and answer session will follow his presentation and a literature packet, courtesy of the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the National Cancer Institute, will be distributed.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States (lung cancer is the first). One woman in 10 will develop breast cancer at some time in her life, and although rare it also affects about 900 men every year.

It can occur in women of all ages and is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 50. In Michigan, an estimated 6,800 women with and 1,700 men will die from it in 1993. When detected early enough,

breast cancer has a survival rate of nearly 100 percent. The National Cancer Institute encourages women to take an active role in the early detection of breast cancer by practicing monthly breast self-examination, having a yearly breast exam and getting a routine mammogram after age 40.

Various methods of diagnosing breast cancer will be discussed. Among them:

(1) Palpation — A physician is able to tell a lot about a breast lump by its size, texture and whether it is movable.

(2) Aspiration — The doctor uses a thin needle to remove fluid or a small amount of tissue from a lump.

(3) Mammography — A type of X-ray that is able to show tumors too small to be felt. (Other imaging techniques may also be used.)

(4) Ultrasound — A test that sends high frequency sound waves, which cannot be heard by humans, into the breast.

(5) Thermography — A test which measures and records heat patterns in the breast.

(6) Diaphanography — An examination done by shining a bright light through the breast.

(7) Biopsy — A surgical procedure to take out part or all of a lump or suspicious area. The tissue is examined under a microscope by a pathologist. A biopsy is the only way to know whether cancer is present.

(8) Hormone receptor tests — If a biopsy shows cancer is present, laboratory tests, called estrogen and progesterone receptor tests, are usually done on the cancer cells. These tests can tell whether hormones promote the growth of the cancer.

upon recommendation of the physician.

There are different types of surgery used to treat breast cancer, including modified radical mastectomy, lumpectomy, total or simple mastectomy (removal of just the breast), partial or segmental mastectomy and radical mastectomy. Also called the Halsted Radical Mastectomy, this operation in which breast, chest muscles, all of the lymph nodes under the arm and some additional fat and skin are removed, was the standard for many years.

Scientists at hospitals and medical centers all across the country are studying breast cancer, trying to learn what causes the disease and how to prevent it. They are also looking for better ways to diagnose and treat it.

The Horizon Surgery Center is at 19900 Haggerty Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. There is no charge for the seminar, but seating is limited, so call for 462-1888 for more information.

## NEW VOICES

**STEVE and LAURA TITHANY** of Plymouth announce the birth of **JACQUELINE JOYCE** June 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a sister, Maggie. Grandparents are John and Joyce Close of Plymouth.

**DANIEL and LAURIE GUTOWSKI** of Livonia announce the birth of **ALLISON ELEANORE** April 24 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Theodore and Jane Gutowski of Livonia and Nicholas and Dolores Vaccaro of Dearborn.

**FRED and CATHY RICKEL-MANN** of Canton announce the birth of twins **TROY DONALD** and **KYLE NORBERT** Aug. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. They have a sister Taylor, 4, and a brother Ethan, 20 months. Grandparents are Donald and Ruth Klige of Kalamazoo and Norbert and Mary Rickelman of Pinckney.

**RUSSELL and NATALIE MANKEWICZ** announce the birth of **JOEL ROGER** Aug. 24

at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has a sister Lauren Kimberly. Grandparents are James and Sharon Henderson of Belleville and Roger and Rita Mankevicz of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Edward Mankevicz of North Tonawanda, N.Y., Frank and Eva Cisek of Inverness, Fla., and Olen and Shirley Nehls of Howell.

**MICHAEL and CYNTHIA CARMENY** of Westland announce the birth of **KATHLYNN ALISON** Sept. 14 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a brother Nicolas, 5, and sister Julie, 17. Grandparents are John and Jean Moran of Southgate and Bob and Phyllis Carmeny of Westland.

**KEITH and LISA SWIMS** of Garden City announce the birth of **HENRY KEITH** Sept. 13 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Ron and Fran Konratko of Garden City and Adolph and Mearl Swims of Dearborn Heights.

**SHAWN and SHELLY GAG-**

**NON** of Westland announce the birth of **SARA ELIZABETH** Sept. 13. Grandparents are Ed and Helen Taylor of Westland, Judy Gagnon of Westland and Joe Gagnon of Farmington.

**BRIAN and MARIE BUTTON** of Belleville announce the birth of **ELEENA JOSEPHINE** May 21 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill and Diane Button of Westland and Richard and Sandra Gress of Redford.

**RONNIE and BARBRA BROWN** of Wayne announce the birth of **TAYLOR ANN** July 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bill and Diane Button of Westland, Kathy Brown of Westland and Ron Brown Sr. of Wayne.

**WILLIAM and CATHERINE AMATO** of Westland announce the birth of **ALISSA MARIE** Sept. 20 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a brother, William Jasper. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis of

Litchfield and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Amato of Plymouth.

**RUSSELL and BARBARA COLEMAN** of Northville announce the birth of **NICOLE LOUISE** Sept. 22 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a brother Sean Russell. Grandparents are Pete and Rose Urbanski of Westland and Roy and Ruth Collins of Livonia.

**ROGER SMITH and REBECCA SELTZER-SMITH** of Ludington announce the birth of **ALEXANDER CARL** Sept. 3 at Memorial Medical Center in Ludington. Grandparents are Karen Seltzer of Fressolt, Mich., and Ralph Seltzer of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Al and Gwen Holcombe, formerly of Plymouth.

**PAUL GARNER and CAROL BROZEK** announce the birth of **PAUL STEVEN JR.** Sept. 21 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. He has a sister Carla and a brother Jason. Grandparents are Bill and Fern Brozek, formerly of Garden City, and Margaret Temple of Westland.

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