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## **The Sedgwick County Health Department Recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer can be a deadly disease to women of all ages. In the United States, it is estimated there will be 182,460 new cases of breast cancer in 2008. Through early detection via clinical breast exams, mammograms and self breast exams, women can detect, fight and beat this disease.

Fortunately, in Sedgwick County, many women take care of themselves in regard to getting a regular mammogram. The 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) shows that more than 77% of Sedgwick County women over the age of forty had a mammogram in the last two years. While this is an impressive statistic, the other side of the story is that more than 20% of Sedgwick County women in this increased risk group have not had a mammogram in the last two years.

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The Sedgwick County Health Department can help. The County's Early Detection Works (EDW) program offers breast (and cervical) cancer screenings for women who are 40-64 years of age and do not have insurance. Last year 807 women were screened for breast and cervical cancer at the Sedgwick County Health Department through this program. EDW also offers referrals to other women.

The Early Detection Works program and Immunization Clinic can be reached at 660-7300 and are located at 2716 W Central. Call to schedule an appointment. Information is also available on the Sedgwick County website at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). Click on *Health Department* under *Quick Click and Go* in the top right corner of the main page.

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