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Cancer screening saves lives – RSVP for your tests today

During the month of October, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre’s (RVH) Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program (SMRCP) is helping women throughout the region get screened for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer. The RSVP event, now in its third year, connects women with appropriate health resources to provide education on cancer screening, and if applicable, get the necessary screening tests.

“Cancer mortality rates for colorectal, breast and cervical cancers have been declining over the years thanks in part to an increase in screening but we still have a long way to go,” says Dr. Danusia Gzik, Primary Care Lead, Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program. “We know that cancer screening saves lives and that’s why it’s important for people to talk to their healthcare provider about getting screened for cancer.”

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Canada, and in women colorectal, breast and cervical cancers account for 40 per cent of new cases.

Women can register through the RVH website (www.rvh.on.ca) – look for the “Ladies, You’re Invited” icon on the home page. Once registered, women will be contacted and as a result of a telephone screening could be directed towards a Mammogram (breast cancer screening), Pap test (cervical cancer screening) or Fecal Occult Blood Test (colorectal cancer screening).

For more information or to register, contact RVH’s Screening and Prevention at 705-792-3338 or 1-866-608-6910.

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About RVH:

RVH is a regional health centre in Barrie, Ontario, located 80 kilometres north of Toronto. As the largest hospital in the region of Simcoe Muskoka, RVH’s team of over 350 physicians, 2,500 employees and 850 volunteers provides exceptional care and specialty services to almost half a million residents, including cancer care, stroke services, orthopedics, intensive care, mental health and interventional radiology. RVH is focused on delivering safe, high quality care that puts patients and their families first. For more information visit www.rvh.on.ca