

# Empowering Women's Healthcare

With a revolutionary focus on accessible, compassionate, collaborative care, LMH Health Women's Center helps Lawrence-area women prioritize their health.

**M**ichele Bennett, M.D., FACOG, an OB-GYN at LMH Health, sees it in her patients—and in herself. “As women, we can be really good at taking care of other people, but sometimes we can have a hard time taking care of ourselves,” she says.

Addressing this issue is the new LMH Health Women's Center—a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary facility focused solely on women's wide-ranging healthcare needs. The center, which opened its doors in September of 2020, is located on the second level of the LMH Health West Campus and offers a wide range of services including breast health and mammography, ultrasounds, MRIs, gynecology, pelvic health, plastic surgery, and general women's health. But it's the center's extraordinary flexibility, accessibility, and collaborative spirit that sets it apart.

## Convenience is Key

“From its inception, this health center was designed to make it easy for women to seek healthcare,” says Jennifer Hawasli, M.D., a fellowship-trained LMH breast surgeon. “At our facility, everything related to breast health is in the same area. If a woman has a concerning mammogram or ultrasound, most likely I can squeeze her into my schedule for a consultation the same day.”

This approach, Dr. Hawasli adds, eliminates the fear women may feel while waiting for an appointment to address their concerns. Likewise, the health center's patients benefit from its providers' collaborative approach. “Today, breast cancer can be treatable, but it requires multidisciplinary care by multiple physicians. Having all the members of the breast cancer team under one roof and communicating with each other helps decrease stressors in our patients,” she adds.

“We are located on a bus line,” says Dr. Bennett, a further illustration of the center's push to streamline women's healthcare. “Even if our patients have transportation hurdles, they can easily get to our center from almost anywhere in the greater Lawrence area and check off many of their annual screenings in just an hour or



two. We even offer walk-in mammograms.” The center itself, she notes, boasts a calming atmosphere with beautiful views of the Kansas prairies.

As a Commission on Cancer-accredited institution, LMH Health Women's Center provides the capabilities of a larger hospital or academic center close to home—an asset for women walking through a new breast cancer diagnosis. Additionally, the LMH Health Women's Center works hand in hand with LMH Health Imaging and the LMH Health Cancer Center to offer patients a state-of-the-art breast cancer risk assessment. The results can be lifesaving.

“We focus on the full continuum of cancer care,” Dr. Hawasli says. “We are proud and privileged to offer the best and latest treatments available anywhere, right here in our community.”

“Everyone at this center has an innate dedication to making it easy for women to access extraordinary healthcare,” adds Dr. Bennett. “At the end of the day, we are people taking care of people.”



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