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## Mammogram facility opens

IT was time to 'Think Pink' as Aafiyaa Imaging and Diagnostic Center introduced its new mammography unit at Al Wadi Commercial Centre in Qurum on Thursday. The inauguration of the unit was done in the presence of Yuthar Al Rawahy, founder and chairperson of the National Association for Cancer Awareness (Naca).

Talking about the new mammography facility, Rawahy, said: "Women can just come, have their mammogram and go shopping. Instead of having to go to a hospital it will become a way



**Yuthar Al Rawahy and Dr Hiral Jerajani Kamath at the inauguration of the new mammography unit at Al Wadi Commercial Centre in Qurum.**

of life. We want to encourage women to make it part of their life and it should be a routine. Women should not only go because they found a lump. At least if it's found, it's found early."

The inauguration of the mammography facility, which coincides with breast cancer awareness month, is set to play a big role in the detection of breast cancer and helping women understand its associated problems; the convenient location of the unit also ensures easy access for all women.

Commencing operations one year ago, the specialised imaging centre also offers all types of ultrasonography servic-

es, including ultrasound scans of the abdomen, gynaecology scans, pregnancy scans, four dimension scans and colour Doppler scans.

Dr Hiral Jerajani Kamath, founder and radiologist, Aafiyaa Imaging and Diagnostic Centre, has over 15 years of experience in radiology and imaging and is specially trained in mammography.

"We advise younger women to go in for an ultrasound for any breast problems and only some selected few will go for a mammogram. We don't compromise on quality; we have a state-of-the-art USG machine and the best analogue mammography machine to give us

good quality pictures," Hiral said.

Screening mammography should be done every year for women, beginning at age 40. Mammography has been marked as the Gold Standard for early detection and it is hoped that the new unit will infuse confidence in treatment because when breast cancer is detected early, it can be treated.

Hiral added: "You find so many women who are coming for a check up because they've read about it or heard about it - so I think awareness has played a big role."

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