

# Project Renewal's ScanVan



# PRI Healthcare



**Project Renewal, Inc.** believes that healthcare is a fundamental human right, which should be available to all people in New York, regardless of whether they are housed.

**PRI Healthcare**, a subsidiary of Project Renewal, is dedicated to providing healthcare and services to homeless and poor New Yorkers, irrespective of their ability to pay. We are also committed to giving care that meets the highest standards in the medical community.

# PRI Healthcare

- Serves more than 6,000 patients annually
- Nation's largest provider of medical care to homeless people

## PRI Healthcare services:

- Primary & acute care
- Psychiatric care
- Dental care
- Podiatry
- Referrals for specialty care

# PRI Healthcare Mobile Clinics



## PRI Medvan

Serving the homeless since 1986

## PRI StreetSmart Van

Serving homeless youth

Launched 2005

# ScanVan

The ScanVan will be the nation's first mobile clinic to provide mammograms and clinical breast exams to screen for cancer, and tuberculin skin tests and chest x-rays to screen for tuberculosis. For all positive screenings, we will also initiate and ensure follow-up treatment.

The ScanVan's services will be offered to poor and homeless New Yorkers citywide, regardless of whether they have medical insurance.

# ScanVan

## Services

### **Breast Healthcare**

- Breast health education
- Mammograms
- Clinical breast exams
- Referrals for care

### **Tuberculosis Screening**

- TB skin test
- Chest X-ray
- Referrals for care

# Need for Tuberculosis Screening

2001-2003:

3436 cases of TB reported in NYC

2004

NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene find that 33% of patients (general population) eligible for TB screening had not been screened

2005

New York City's TB rate (13 per 100,000 population) remains more than double the national rate (4.9)

# TB and NYC's Homeless

- 2001-2003
  - Single Adult Shelters:  
98 TB cases— 11 times the rate of the general public
  - Family Shelters: 19 TB cases
- 2005
  - 5 new cases of MDR (multi-drug-resistant) TB discovered in homeless shelters



# TB Persistence Among NYC's Homeless

- crowded shelters
- limited or no access to healthcare
- HIV infection/immune system suppression

# Need for Breast Health Screening

- ✓ New York State has an 18% higher breast cancer detection rate than the national average (6 /1000 women screened vs. 5.1/1000 screened)
- ✓ The detection rate within NYC is more than double the state detection rate
- ✓ the Upper East Side of Manhattan, Eastern Staten Island, much of South Brooklyn, isolated areas in Queens (particularly Bayside and the Rockaways) experience an incidence of breast cancer that is 15% - 50% above the citywide detection rate

# Breast Cancer & African-Americans

- ✓ African American women's five-year survival rate of breast cancer is 74%, compared to white women's 88%
- ✓ Despite lower incidence rate of breast cancer among African-Americans compared to whites, African-American women
  - ✓ Have a higher fatality rate from cancer
  - ✓ Are more likely to be diagnosed with larger tumors and at more advanced stages of breast cancer

# Barriers to care

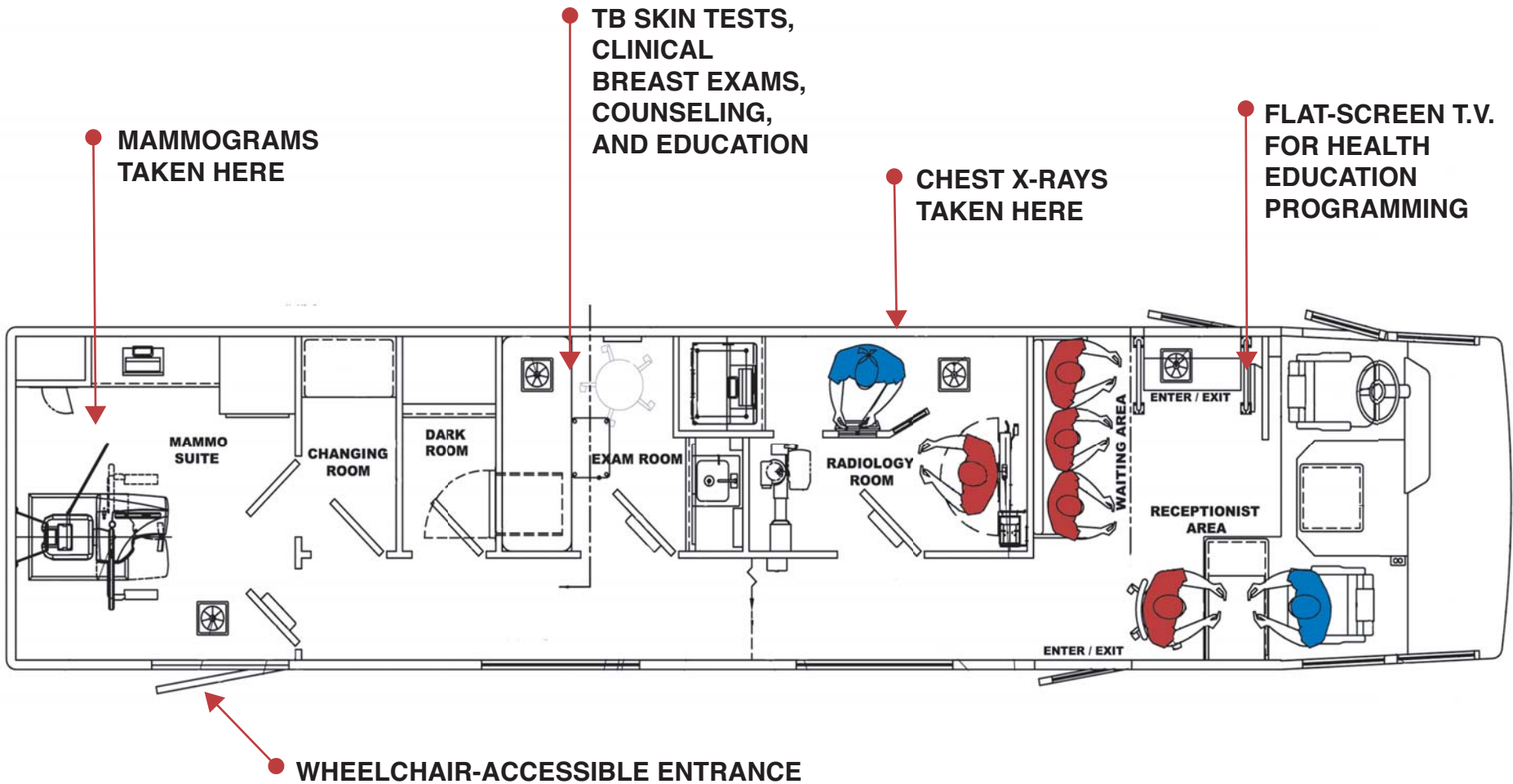
- Shortage of Availability  
Increased demand for mammograms
  - ▲ Long waits for mammography
  - ▲ 40 days = Average wait in NYC
- Travel Difficulties  
Mammography is an expensive service
  - ▲ requiring referrals outside
  - ▲ non-compliance
- Cultural Inhibitions

# Project Renewal's ScanVan

- Custom-designed and built vehicle
- The nation's only combination radiology and mammography van
- Wheelchair accessible
- Heavy-duty chassis



# ScanVan interior



A purple awareness ribbon is centered on a blue background. The ribbon is tied in a loop, with the ends hanging down. The text "Breast Health Services" is overlaid on the ribbon in a yellow, sans-serif font.

# Breast Health Services

# Clinical Breast Exam

Brief physical exam performed  
by Nurse Practitioner Certified in  
Women's Health

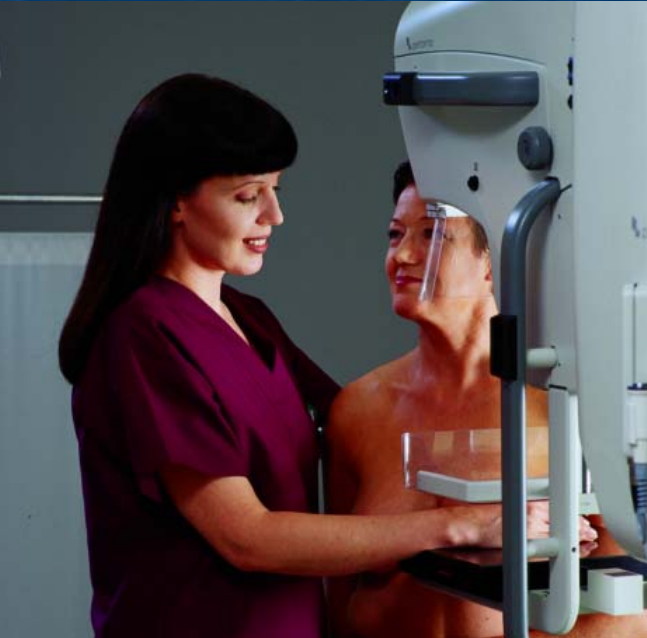
The exam:

- Brief interview
- Manual exam
- Breast health education



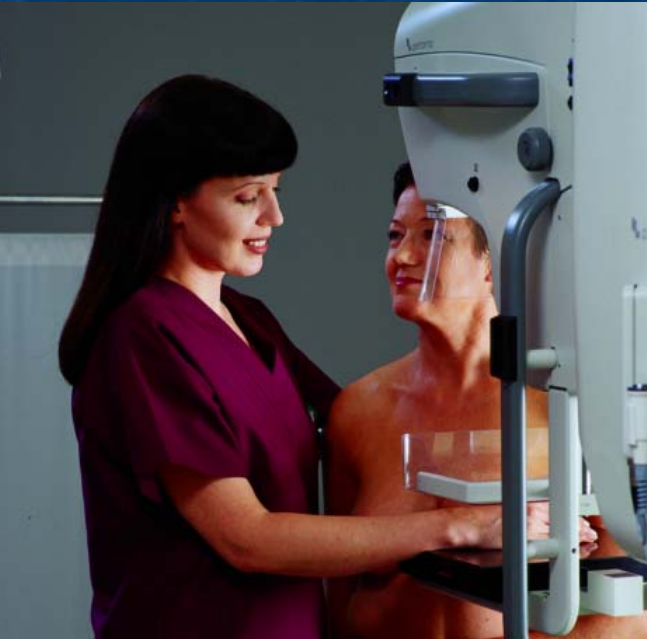


# Mammography



- 15 minute exam
- Simple & painless
- Overseen by consulting radiologist

# Mammography



- ACR-certified technician
- GE Performa used at leading hospitals
- Overseen by consulting radiologist

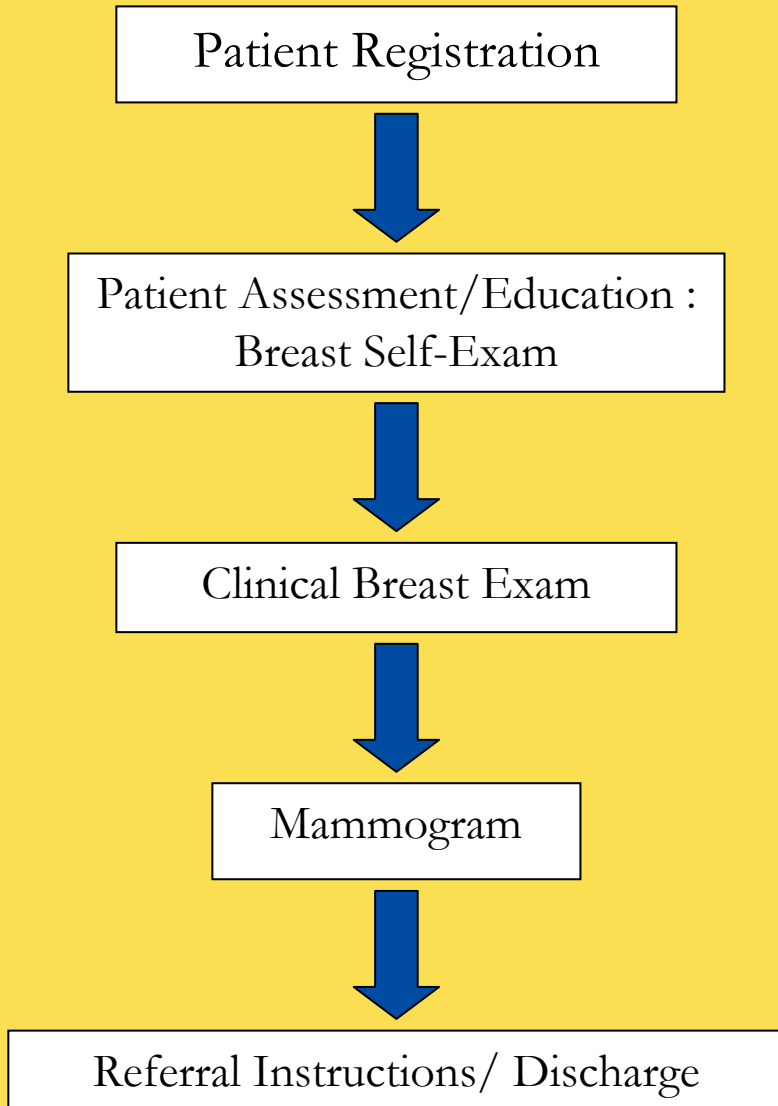
# Tuberculosis Screening

- ✓ Skin Tests
- ✓ Chest X-ray
  - 10 minute, painless exam
  - Digital equipment allows faster feedback
- ✓ Clinical Exam
- ✓ Health Education

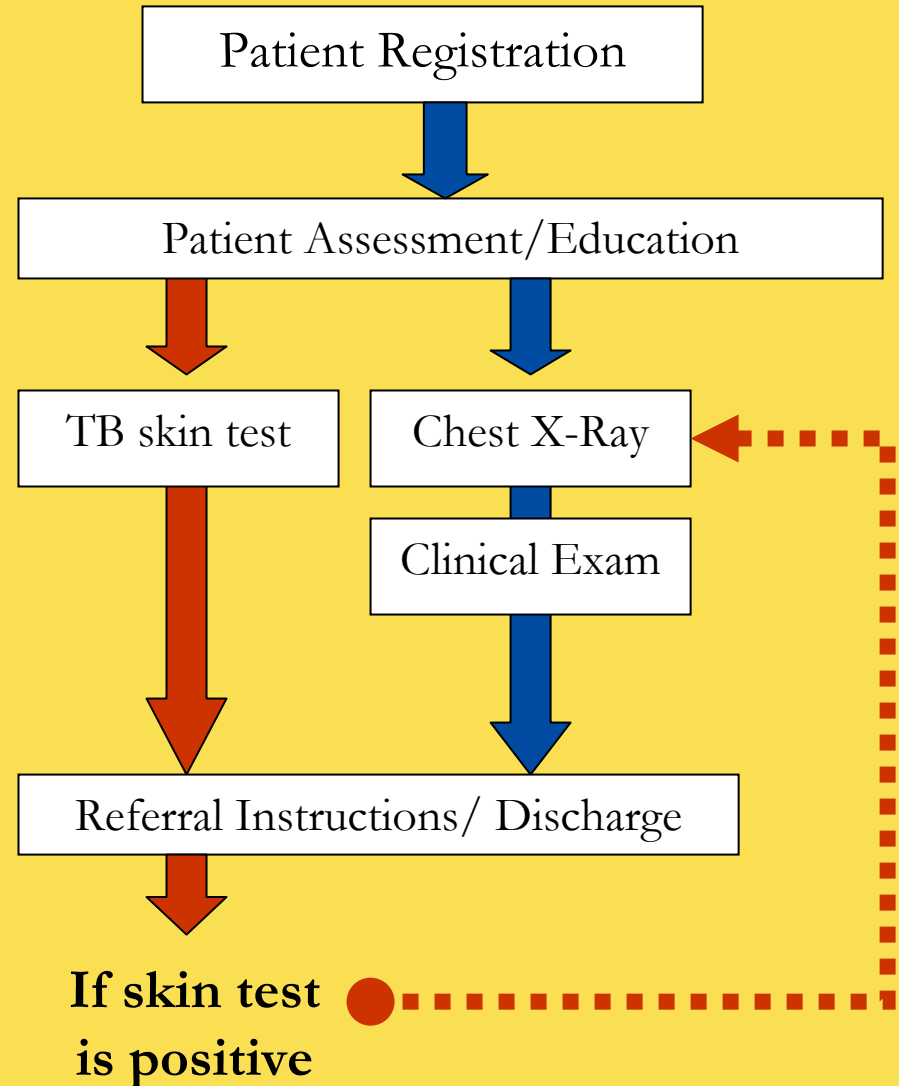


# Patient Flow Through Process

## Breast Health



## Tuberculosis Screening



# What Happens After the Film is Taken....

- ✓ Technologist confirms with patient that image is satisfactory
- ✓ Patient informed of follow-up protocol and discharged
- ✓ Film forwarded to radiologist for reading
- ✓ Results and image forwarded to patient's provider  
(Positive results are expedited through process)

# Lets talk about Positives or 'Re-Takes' – How are they handled?



- ✓ Positive results expedited through the process; referring provider notified as soon as possible.
- ✓ In case provider cannot be identified, patient will be referred to partnering hospital for treatment; transportation provided by Project Renewal.
- ✓ Re-takes will be scheduled as needed

# So, how do we get started?



- ✓ Indicate your interest in using ScanVan services
- ✓ Your team meets with ours to review scheduling, reporting, re-take and transportation protocols.
- ✓ Complete Memorandum of Agreement
- ✓ Its that easy!



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