

Lynn Koppel just wanted to improve the experience. And she did! Combining a genuine concern for women's health and her love for sewing, Lynn makes having a mammogram a more pleasant happening. Now when a woman has her mammogram at Deckerville Community Hospital, she can expect an attractive and comfortable cloth cape to wear for the exam instead of a hospital gown or a poorly fitting paper garment.

All the capes have been individually made by Lynn in conjunction with the Hospital Auxiliary who funded the material for the project. Having lots of practice sewing costumes for her daughters' 4-H equestrian events, this just seemed like a natural thing for Lynn to do. "My goal is to create an atmosphere where women can feel both relaxed and feminine. The warm capes fit all individuals and are simple for women to get on and off. They are easy to use because of the design, and no strings or snaps eliminate unwanted artifacts," says Lynn.

"I started using the capes last autumn and the women have been delighted with them. Because I regularly have mammograms myself, I understand being on the receiving end. Our mammogram machine is state of the art; that fact combined with this extra caring touch, I feel we offer our local ladies not just quality testing, but a pleasurable experience as well for this very important aspect of the health of women," adds Lynn.

Lynn has 32 years experience in radiology and is a Registered Mammographer. Since 1995 her focus has been mammography specifically. She resides in the Applegate area and has been at Deckerville Hospital since May, 2011. "It is my responsibility to do my job the best I can, but that is easy because I really am passionate about what I do."

