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Pardee's Comprehensive Cancer Center granted accreditation with commendation

(Hendersonville, N.C.) The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee was recently granted a three-year accreditation with commendation from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) after a recent on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor.

During the survey, the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee demonstrated a Commendation level of compliance in all of the areas eligible (cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach and quality improvement) for Commendation. In addition, Pardee received a compliance rating for all other standards, according to Carol Burke, cancer program coordinator for Pardee Hospital.

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes

Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 42 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

The Accreditation Program, a component of the CoC, sets quality-of-care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure they conform to those standards. Accreditation by the CoC is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality cancer care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. To maintain accreditation, facilities with CoC-accredited cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

“We’re proud to be the only comprehensive community cancer program in Henderson County accredited with commendation by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer,” said Pardee CEO Kris Hoce. “Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our cancer program physicians and staff, residents in our community are fortunate to have access to the most advanced and comprehensive cancer screenings and treatments available.”

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee offers a full range of advanced treatment and diagnostic services performed by highly qualified cancer specialists. Services include surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, advanced radiology

and laboratory diagnostic support and clinical treatment trials. Community education programs, cancer screenings, support groups and holistic patient and family support are also available. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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