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Pardee OB/GYN Associates offers IMPLANON birth control option

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee OB/GYN Associates is now offering the IMPLANON the first and only three-year, single rod, implantable contraceptive.

IMPLANON is a flexible plastic rod the size of a matchstick that is put under the skin of your arm. It contains a hormone called etonogestrel. You can use a single IMPLANON rod for up to three years. Because IMPLANON does not contain estrogen, your health care provider may recommend IMPLANON even if you cannot use estrogen. IMPLANON is more than 99% effective and most women can't see IMPLANON after it is inserted.

"The IMPLANON insertion is a minor procedure that can be performed in the office. The entire procedure is done using a local anesthetic and generally takes only a few minutes," said Maridee Spearman, M.D., OB/GYN with Pardee OB/GYN Associates. "IMPLANON can be removed at any time in the office. It's a very effective method of birth control and one rod can last up to three years."

Pardee OB/GYN Associates are committed to providing women with the best care for every stage of life and are a part of the Center for Women's Health at Pardee. Pardee OB/GYN Associates are affiliated with MAHEC and the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine. By teaching resident physicians and participating in continuing education

programs, physicians are continually learning the latest medical advancements and treatments. Pardee OB/GYN Associates board-certified OB/GYN physicians, David Beaty, M.D., and Maridee Spearman, M.D., are both accepting new patients. The office is located at 705 Sixth Ave. West in Hendersonville, across from Pardee Hospital. For more information about Pardee OB/GYN Associates, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355).

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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