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Pardee Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center Granted Full Accreditation by National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital's Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center was recently granted a three-year full accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons.

"Accreditation by the NAPBC is only given to those centers that have voluntarily committed to provide the highest level of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance," said Barbara Platz, vice president of professional services at Pardee Hospital. "We are extremely proud to have received this recognition."

During the survey process, the center must demonstrate compliance with standards established by the NAPBC for treating women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. The standards include proficiency in the areas of: center leadership, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement. A breast center that achieves NAPBC accreditation

has demonstrated a firm commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease.

The NAPBC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and monitoring of outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast. This mission is pursued through standard-setting, scientific validation, and patient and professional education. Its board membership includes professionals from 15 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of breast care.

Receiving care at a NAPBC-accredited center ensures that a patient will have access to comprehensive care, including a full range of state-of-the-art services, a multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best treatment options, and information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options.

For more information about the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, visit www.accreditedbreastcenters.org.

The Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center at Pardee Hospital reminds women over 40 to schedule their annual mammogram during the month of October – National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – and receive a free gift. Early detection is the key to fighting breast cancer, and performing monthly breast self-exams and getting annual mammograms can

help women detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. Women can schedule a mammogram by calling (828) 698-7979.

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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