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Pardee Breast Center Recognized by National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital's Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center was recently recognized as a Certified Participant of the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program (NQMBC). This distinguished honor represents a commitment to provide the highest quality breast health care to patients in the community. Pardee's Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center is currently the only certified participant in North and South Carolina.

In today's dynamic health care industry, breast centers are faced with providing quality care, measuring and comparing quality performance, while simultaneously keeping costs under control. A breast center's staff must not only be familiar with existing standards of care, but must also be aware of new advances in technology, according to Kristy Capps, R.N. III, B.S.N., Breast Center Nurse Navigator.

"Pardee's Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center has taken a major step in continuing to provide the best possible quality care to breast patients in the community by participating in the NQMBC," said Capps.

The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers were developed by the National Consortium of Breast Centers, which references the Health Care Advisory Board's Clinical

Quality Dash Board for breast centers. The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers reflect more than five years of work, which has culminated in the adoption of more than 31 National Quality Indicators.

The National Consortium of Breast Centers promotes excellence in breast health care for the general public through a network of diverse professionals dedicated to the active exchange of ideas and resources. It serves as an informational resource and provides support services to those rendering care to people with breast diseases through educational programs, newsletters, a national directory and patient forums. It encourages professionals to concentrate and specialize in activities related to breast disease and encourages the development of programs and centers that address breast disease and promote breast health. It facilitates collaborative research opportunities on issues of breast health; and developed a set of core measures to define, improve and sustain quality standards in breast health care programs and for quality performance in all types of breast health care facilities. For more information about the NQMBC Program, visit www.breastcare.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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