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Gastroenterologist to present 'Reasons and Treatments for GERD'

(Hendersonville, NC) Andrew Rackoff, M.D., a gastroenterologist with Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology, will discuss gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD), its causes, and treatment options during a free presentation at the Pardee Health Education Center on Wed., Nov. 18, from noon until 1:30 p.m.

GERD is a condition in which food or liquid travels backwards from the stomach to the esophagus. This action can irritate the esophagus, causing heartburn and other symptoms.

Dr. Rackoff will offer time for questions after the presentation. Registration for this free presentation is required by calling 1-866-790-WELL (9355).

The Pardee Health Education Center is a unique community outreach program of the hospital that provides an array of services from health fairs and screenings to seminars and support groups. Last year, the center provided more than 10,000 free and low-cost screenings to community members.

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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