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**Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee to Give Public  
Behind-the-Scenes View of Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment**

*(Hendersonville, NC)* The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee invites the public to attend one of its weekly cancer conferences on Friday, Oct. 26. Participants will personally experience how Pardee Hospital physicians work together to examine individual cancer cases and determine the best possible treatment plans for patients.

“Caring for the cancer patient is a collaborative effort that combines the expertise and compassion of an interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals,” said Thomas L. Eisenhauer, M.D., Cancer Committee Chairman. “We wanted to give the public an opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes - how we thoroughly examine certain patient cases and develop individualized plans to ensure the patients receive the type of treatment that is best for them.”

The public conference will be held at the Pardee Health Education Center, located in the Blue Ridge Mall, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required by calling 828-692-4600.

According to Eisenhauer, the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee holds weekly cancer conferences to review patient care. This also satisfies the hospital’s accreditation requirements as Henderson County’s only Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

Cases will be presented representing some of the most common forms of cancer: breast, colon, lung and prostate. Cases will be described by one of the patient's physicians. X-rays, scans and pathology slides will be shown and described by radiologists and pathologists. The cases will then be discussed by a multidisciplinary panel of primary care doctors, oncologists, surgeons, radiation therapists, oncology nurses and medical social workers. The medical team will discuss treatment options and determine a plan for moving forward with the patient's care. Although all cases are anonymously presented, the patients whose cases are to be presented have been informed and have given their written consent. After the case presentations, there will be a 30 minute question and answer session moderated by WLOS morning anchor and cancer survivor, Jay Siltzer.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee is Henderson County's only Comprehensive Cancer Program accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The center offers a full range of advanced treatment and diagnostic services, close to home, performed by highly qualified cancer specialists. Services include surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, high-tech 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.

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