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Pardee Opens Medical Detoxification Services Unit

(Hendersonville, NC) Pardee Hospital has announced the creation of a new eight-bed medical detoxification unit designed to detoxify patients from alcohol and other chemical substances. The unit, which began accepting patients July 17, has a multi-disciplinary team consisting of a medical director, registered nurses and Mastered prepared social workers. It is located on the second floor of the hospital.

“This new unit is designed for people that need more than just a ‘drying-out period.’ Rather, it is for people that would like to make the first step to recovery,” said Pamela Lowe, M.D., Medical Director for Pardee’s Medical Detoxification Unit.

“After detoxification, the primary mission of this team is to introduce the patients to the recovery process,” according to Bridget Barron, Nursing Services Director for the new unit. “In addition to daily group therapy, our structured programs and support groups on the unit include Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Al-Anon. It is our intent to restore the patient to maximum well-being in the least restrictive environment.”

To access the Medical Detoxification Services at Pardee, one must have a referral from an outside therapeutic agency, primary provider, in-house transfer, or from the Emergency Department. The main number for this unit is (828) 696-4669.

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 a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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