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**Hendersonville Family Health Center Welcomes New Residents**

*(Hendersonville, NC)* Elizabeth Saft, D.O., Eric Chen, M.D., and Richard Yeater, M.D., have recently joined the Hendersonville Family Health Center (HFHC) Residency Program as first-year residents. During their three-year residency, the new doctors will receive specialty training under the close supervision of the family medicine faculty.

Saft is a graduate of Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. She has an undergraduate degree in zoology and a master's degree in genetics from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. She has served as the vice president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Chapter for the past several years.

Chen graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, N.C. He has an undergraduate degree in biology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Chen has done extensive research in immunology, including publishing several papers.

Yeater graduated from Saba University School of Medicine. He has an undergraduate degree in computer science from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Ill.

The Hendersonville Family Health Center Residency Program is a collaboration between Pardee Hospital, the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC), and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine. The program is designed to attract family medicine

physicians to Western North Carolina. Approximately 100 local physicians serve on Pardee Hospital's staff as community faculty for the program.

HFHC is a full-service health care clinic that provides quality medical care for the entire family. Its team of physicians, nurse practitioners, psychologist, nurse and professional staff treat patients for acute illness and injuries, annual physicals, obstetrical and gynecologic exams, minor surgical services, blood tests, preventative medical care, pain management, counseling as well as care for infants and children.

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 rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. More information is available at [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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