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Pardee Hospital to host community blood drive

(Hendersonville, NC) Pardee Hospital will host a community blood drive on Friday, Dec. 28, from 6:30 until 11 a.m. and 12:30 until 5 p.m. in the hospital's Jamison Conference Room on the first floor. Appointments are required by calling (828) 693-5605.

Donors can enter the hospital through the main entrance on Justice Street, or by the Garden Café entrance on Fleming Street. All donors will receive a free long-sleeve t-shirt.

"Based on current projections, the Red Cross could see 18% fewer donors each week during this holiday season," said Beth Golden, blood services director for the Henderson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. "We are working diligently to ensure this does not affect patients in need over the holidays by offering various blood drives throughout the community."

In order to donate blood, one must be healthy, at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and not have donated blood in the past 56 days. Walk-in donors will be accepted, but those with appointments will be seen first.

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.

