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**Pardee Participates in Cancer Research Study with Wake Forest University**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee Hospital has teamed up with researchers at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center to participate in a national cancer study for prostate cancer patients.

Research studies, also called clinical trials, test new treatments in people with cancer. The goal of the research is to find better ways to treat cancer and help improve the quality of life for cancer patients. Clinical trials test many types of treatment such as new drugs, new approaches to surgery or radiation therapy, new combinations of treatments, or new methods such as gene therapy.

“Often times, the symptoms that cancer patients experience from their treatments can be quite uncomfortable. They may even experience more symptoms from the treatments than the actual disease,” said James Radford, M.D., medical oncologist of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee. “We hope that by participating in studies like this one, we will learn new ways to treat these patients and improve their quality of life.”

The study will determine the effectiveness of using soy protein and the drug Effexor to treat hot flashes in prostate cancer patients. Patients may be eligible to participate if they have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and are experiencing hot flashes; are currently undergoing hormonal manipulation for the treatment or control of prostate cancer; and do not have any allergies to soy or dairy products.

“The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee is proud to be able to give Henderson County residents access to national clinical trials like this one through our partnership with leading university medical centers such as Wake Forest,” Radford added.

For more information or to enroll in the study, contact Leann Noakes at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee at 828-696-4716.

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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