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**Pardee recognized as Accredited Echocardiography Laboratory**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* Pardee has been granted accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories. This laboratory is one of a growing number of echocardiography laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to be recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.

The Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories is a not-for-profit organization and was established with the support of the America Society of Echocardiography, the American College of Cardiology and the Society of Pediatric Echocardiography to provide a peer review mechanism to encourage and recognize the provision of quality echocardiographic diagnostic evaluation by a process of voluntary accreditation.

Echocardiography is a complex imaging technique that relies on the experience and training of both the physician and sonographer. Their interpretive and technical abilities determine the diagnostic accuracy of an echocardiographic exam.

The information provided by echocardiographic testing is useful in the detection and management of many types of heart disease. This noninvasive test has become





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one of the standard diagnostic tools in cardiology with an estimated 10 million echocardiograms performed annually in the United States. This is imperative as cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

[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 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. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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