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Pardee to offer free screenings for Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week

(Hendersonville, N.C.) More than 35,000 Americans were diagnosed with cancer of the head or neck last year, many not recognizing the symptoms associated with these life-threatening diseases. To help educate the community and increase awareness for oral, head and neck cancer, Pardee will offer free screenings for oral cancer on Wednesday, May 11, from 2 – 6 p.m. at the Pardee Health Education Center, located in the Blue Ridge Mall.

The 10-minute screenings will be performed by physicians specializing in otolaryngology. All adults should consider having an oral cancer screening- especially with the rise of oropharyngeal cancer in young adults, and those who use tobacco and alcohol regularly. If detected early, oral, head and neck cancers can be more easily treated without significant complications and have increased survival rates.

The signs and symptoms of oral cancer often go unnoticed. Take advantage of Pardee's free screening to help to save the life of a loved one or your own. To register for the free oral cancer screening, call (828) 692-4600.





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For more information on Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week and cancer prevention tips, visit headandneck.org, the official website of the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) 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](http://www.pardeehospital.org). 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.

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