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**Neurologist to offer free presentation on multiple sclerosis**

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Mark Mandelbaum, M.D., neurologist with Western Carolina Neurology, will discuss multiple sclerosis in a free presentation at the Pardee Health Education Center on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

[Multiple sclerosis](#), or MS, affects the brain and spinal cord. Early symptoms of MS include weakness, tingling, numbness and blurred vision. A diagnosis is typically made by the history of symptoms and a neurological exam, often with the help of tests such as an MRI or a spinal tap. There's no cure for MS, but treatment can relieve worsening of symptoms. MS affects 2.5 million people worldwide, including 400,000 Americans.

During his presentation, Mandelbaum will discuss the latest research and treatments for MS. In addition, Miss Hendersonville 2009, Ciara Newman, will present representing her platform of MS. Mandelbaum will offer time for questions after the presentation. Registration for this free presentation is required by calling 1-866-790-WELL (9355).

Mandelbaum graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Iowa. He is board certified in neurology and serves on the Pardee Hospital medical staff.





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The [Pardee Health Education Center](#) is a unique community outreach program of the hospital that provides an array of services from health fairs and screenings to seminars and support groups. Last year, the center provided more than 10,000 free and low-cost screenings to community members.

[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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