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**Pardee's Comprehensive Cancer Center receives  
Outstanding Achievement Award**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee has been honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA) from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS).

Established in 2004, the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award is designed to recognize cancer programs that strive for excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients. A facility receives the OAA following an on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrates a Commendation level of compliance with seven standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program and also receives a compliance rating for the remaining 29 standards.

"We're proud to be the only hospital in North Carolina and one of only 59 in the United States to receive the OAA award in 2009," said Pardee CEO Kris Hoce. "Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our cancer program physicians and staff, residents in our community have access to the most advanced and comprehensive cancer screenings and treatments available."



Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 42 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

The Accreditation Program, a component of the CoC, sets quality-of-care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure they conform to those standards. Accreditation by the CoC is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality cancer care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. To maintain accreditation, facilities with CoC-accredited cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee offers a full range of advanced treatment and diagnostic services performed by highly qualified cancer specialists. Services include surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, advanced radiology and laboratory diagnostic support and clinical treatment trials. Community education





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programs, cancer screenings, support groups and holistic patient and family support are also available. More information is available at [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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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