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**Pardee Breast Center Nurse Earns Breast Patient Navigator Certification**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* The National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC) and Pardee Hospital's Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center are proud to announce Kristy Capps, R.N., B.S.N., has received the designation of Certified Breast Patient Navigator in Imaging and Cancer (CBPN –IC) through the completion of the NCBC's Breast Patient Navigator Certification Program.

The certification of a Breast Patient Navigator revolves around the Breast Patient Navigation Matrix, which directly benefits patients by equipping Breast Patient Navigators to personally guide each patient through the care process. Patients are guided through the continuum of their care, knowing how to contact the appropriate individual on staff whom they will depend on for services and support throughout their various stages of care. Patients are assisted in identifying resources available to them and are empowered to become informed participants in their breast health / cancer care program. The patient is the focus in each of the navigation stages.

Capps received her associates and undergraduate nursing degree from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. As a breast care navigator, she serves as a guide for patients diagnosed with breast cancer. From initial diagnosis thru recovery,



Capps provides on-going support, advocacy and encouragement to each of her patients and their families. Capps also facilitates the Breast Friends Forever Support Group for women who are currently fighting breast cancer as well as those who previously fought the battle and won. The group meets monthly at the Kayden Center.

The National Consortium of Breast Centers promotes excellence in breast health care for the general public through a network of diverse professionals dedicated to the active exchange of ideas and resources. It serves as an informational resource and provides support services to those rendering care to people with breast diseases through educational programs, newsletters, a national directory and patient forums. It encourages professionals to concentrate and specialize in activities related to breast disease and encourages the development of programs and centers that address breast disease and promote breast health. It facilitates collaborative research opportunities on issues of breast health; and developed a set of core measures to define, improve and sustain quality standards in breast health care programs and for quality performance in all types of breast health care facilities. For more information, visit [www.breastcare.org](http://www.breastcare.org).

The Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center is a division of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee Hospital, a comprehensive cancer program accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The center offers a full range of





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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 programs, cancer screenings, support groups and holistic patient and family support are available.

[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. 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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