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Pardee now offering cardiac scans with advanced 64 slice low dose scanner

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital has incorporated one the most advanced diagnostic tools for helping physicians reach confident diagnoses to provide the best patient care. The new 64 slice LightSpeed® VCT XT configured system from GE Healthcare delivers high quality images of the brain and heart with improved resolution and a lowered radiation dose.

“The addition of the GE LightSpeed VCT XT configured system complements and extends the range of quality diagnostic services that Pardee offers the community,” said Edna Mullenex, director of radiology at Pardee. “This scanner provides us with vastly improved image quality and imaging speed, and allows us to scan patients with less radiation dose while still delivering excellent image quality. Some patients present special challenges when undergoing CT testing. Now, even those who thought CT was inaccessible can be easily imaged and diagnosed,” Mullenex added.

CT exams are used when people are ill or injured, or when a physician suspects a medical problem that is not easily detectable from a conventional physical



examination. The GE LightSpeed VCT XT configured system non-invasively assists physicians in the diagnosis of a variety of anatomical areas.

Coronary CT angiograms can help non-invasively determine whether fatty deposits or calcium deposits have built up in the coronary arteries and significant narrowing of the major coronary arteries. Calcium-scoring screening heart scans can also be performed to detect calcium deposits found in atherosclerotic plaque in the coronary arteries. The calcium-score heart scan can be used to evaluate risk for future coronary artery disease.

For more information about radiology services at Pardee, call (828) 696-1040 or log on to 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.





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