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Pardee Hospital to host Power of Attorney workshop

(Hendersonville, N.C.) The Pardee Hospital Chaplaincy Department and the community organization, Compassion & Choices, will hold a free workshop for community members on Sat., March 27, at 1 p.m., at the Pardee Health Education Center. The workshop will discuss filling out a Health Care Power of Attorney, one of the North Carolina Advance Directives.

An Advance Directive document is a legally binding document that stipulates final care wishes of an individual, if rendered unable to communicate these final wishes. Within North Carolina law, there are three means of developing formal advance directives: an Advance Directive for a Natural Death (Living Will), a Health Care Power of Attorney and an Advance Instruction for Mental Health Treatment. All three forms are legally binding documents that provide an individual with the legal means to direct his or her final care and treatment.

A Health Care Power of Attorney more specifically applies to the document that appoints an individual or persons to make healthcare and/or mental healthcare decisions for a patient should he or she be unable to competently communicate his or her wishes.



During the workshop, individuals will have the opportunity to learn and complete the Health Care Power of Attorney. The Pardee Hospital chaplain and representatives from Compassion & Choices will respond to any questions concerning final wishes and how best to communicate these wishes to family and friends. A notary public will be available to notarize the completed documents if needed.

There is no charge for the sessions, but participants must arrive by 1 p.m. in order to participate. Bring a valid driver's license or proof of identification. For more information call the Pardee Hospital chaplaincy's office at (828) 696-1168 or the Pardee Health Education Center at (828) 692-4600.

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





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