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**Pardee offers support for people with oral, head and neck cancer**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* A local chapter of SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer) will start meeting at the Pardee Health Education Center on Tue., July 14 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. The support group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month and offer information, support and encouragement to newly diagnosed patients, survivors, family members and friends.

Head and neck cancer is the term given to a variety of malignant tumors that may occur in the head and neck region. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with head and neck cancer each year. SPOHNC is a patient-directed, self-help organization dedicated to meeting the needs of oral, head and neck cancer patients. For more information, contact Kathleen Godwin at (828) 692-6174 or [kgodwin@mchsi.com](mailto:kgodwin@mchsi.com).

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.





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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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