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**Pardee Offers Free Skin Cancer Screenings**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* Pardee Hospital will provide free skin cancer screenings at the Pardee Health Education Center, located in the Blue Ridge Mall, on Saturday, June 5, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

John Godehn, Jr., M.D., a local dermatologist, will screen those who have not seen a dermatologist in the last 12 months, are not presently under the care of a dermatologist, and do not have plans to see a dermatologist this year. To schedule an appointment, contact the Health Education Center at (828) 692-4600. Appointments are required and space is limited.

According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is the most common of all cancer types. The majority of the more than one million cases of non melanoma skin cancer diagnosed yearly in the United States are considered to be sun-related. And, the number of skin cancers has been on the rise for the past few decades.

“The good news is that there is a lot you can do to protect yourself and your family from skin cancer, or to catch it early enough so that it can be treated effectively,” said



Godehn. "Avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., using sunscreen, covering up and regular screenings are just some of the things that we can do to protect ourselves."

The American Cancer Society encourages regular skin cancer screenings. Further information and skin cancer resources are available at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

[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](http://www.pardeehospital.org). 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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