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Pardee UNC Health Care Receives the 2016 Women’s Choice Award® as one of America’s Best Hospitals for Cancer Care

(Hendersonville, N.C.) – Pardee UNC Health Care has received the 2016 Women’s Choice Award® as one of America’s Best Hospitals for Cancer Care. This evidence-based designation is the only cancer care award that identifies the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that considers female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence and what women say they want from a hospital.

The list of 366 award winners, including Pardee UNC Health Care, represents hospitals that have been accredited by the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer, signifying Pardee's commitment to meeting the highest standards in cancer care.

"As cancer incidences increase throughout the country and in our community, it is more important than ever to have a strong cancer program close to home," said James M. Kirby, II, president and CEO of Pardee UNC Health Care. "On behalf of our Comprehensive Cancer Center team, it is an honor to be recognized by the Women's Choice Award as one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care."

Through an innovative collaboration with Henderson County, the City of Hendersonville, Wingate University and Blue Ridge Community College, Pardee UNC Health Care will open its new Comprehensive Cancer Center in the fall of 2016. In addition to the Comprehensive Cancer Center, the new, state-of-the-art health sciences building will house Pardee Surgical Associates as well as existing programs in allied healthcare, pharmacy, and physician assistant studies from Blue Ridge Community College and Wingate University.

The 2016 America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care must have received accreditation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as any of the following: a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Comprehensive Cancer program, a Comprehensive Community...
Cancer Program, an Integrated Network Cancer Program, or an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program. These selected hospitals were then given a score based on their patient recommendation rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Hospital Consumer Assessment for Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey.

Additional criteria considered: if a hospital offered on-site chemotherapy, radiation or hospice, and cancer research activities. Hospitals were penalized for having high infection rates.

“Women have many choices when it comes to cancer care, but now they can make informed choices based on rigorous, evidence-based criteria. As a cancer survivor who faced a challenging journey to recovery, I wish I had the Women’s Choice Award as a resource to spare me unnecessary fret and error,” said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award.


Pardee UNC Health Care is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953 and is managed by UNC Health Care. The hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus and a comprehensive physician practice network. For more information or to find a physician, visit [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

The Women’s Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women’s Choice Award was recently honored as #1088 on the INC 5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2015, as well as selected from more than 500 nominees for Florida Companies to Watch in 2015, a statewide program managed by GrowFL, which celebrates the Florida’s top second stage companies. Visit [www.womenschoiceaward.com](http://www.womenschoiceaward.com) to learn more.

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