

Our History

1900s

- In 1905, a group of ladies organize the Flower Mission to care for the needy and sick of the community.
- Plans are formulated for Henderson County's first hospital, Patton Memorial Hospital.
- Charities, church fundraisers, and festivals raise money to make Patton Memorial Hospital possible.

1910s

- Construction of Patton Memorial Hospital begins on December 10, 1912.
- There are 17 rooms available to house 26 patients, and the staff consists of five physicians.
- In 1914, an operating room charge was \$5 per day and hospital room rates were \$1.75-\$3 per day.

1920s

- Hospital acquires its first x-ray machine.
- In 1925, the city of Hendersonville paves the street in front of the hospital and donates fire escapes.

1930s

- A nurses' residence is completed.

1940s

- The hospital had grown large enough to accommodate 47 patients and 10 babies. In 1946, it receives 3,254 patients and has 525 births.
- Two new wards are created, one for children and the other for adults, and an oxygen tent is purchased.
- Ivor Pardee, a patient of Dr. Fortescue, donates \$100,000 for the new hospital.
- The Hospital Association raises a matching sum within a year.

1950s

- In 1953, dedication ceremonies are held for the new 70-bed facility to be named Margaret R. Pardee Hospital.
- In this first year, 2,999 patients are cared for and 591 babies are born.
- Pardee Hospital employs 30 physicians.
- The first poison control center in NC is located in Pardee Hospital.
- In 1956, work begins on 30 more beds.
- A recovery room, pathology and laboratory departments, and a pediatric treatment room are all added.

1960s

- In 1964, Pardee Hospital adds a new wing with 69 beds and four new operating rooms.
- Pardee Hospital opens its intensive care unit in 1965. Pardee Hospital's six-bed ICU is the first in Western NC; fewer than 100 hospitals had ICUs at the time.
- In 1969, Pardee Hospital opens one of only two inhalation therapy departments in NC.



1970s

- An outpatient surgery department is organized to decrease costs.
- A full-time psychiatrist is appointed, offering a full range of treatment options for in and outpatient services.
- Graham-Stowell Tower, a major five-story addition, opens in 1977.
- This expansion includes 81 beds, a coronary care unit, a physical therapy department, and cafeteria.

1980s

- Jamison Wing is added, housing a new emergency department and laboratory.
- A new psychiatric unit and day surgery center opens.
- Pardee Health Education Center opens.

1990s

- In 1993, the Radiation Oncology Center opens.
- A new surgical suite opens, and includes six operating rooms, 22 day surgery rooms, and 13 recovery rooms.
- Hendersonville Family Practice Residency Program starts in 1996.
- Henderson and Mills River Family Health Centers open.

2000s

- Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center opens.
- Pardee Comprehensive Wound Center opens.
- Pardee Hospital's orthopedic wing expands and Integrated Spine Center opens.
- Expansion of the heli-deck is completed.
- Pardee becomes the first hospital in the Carolinas to attain ISO 9001:2008 certification.

2010s

- Pardee signs management agreement with UNC Health.
- New practices and clinics open throughout the region, featuring primary care, urgent care, orthopedics, and physical therapy services.
- Pardee Cancer Center opens.

2020s

- Pardee becomes a PCI-receiving hospital and offers 24/7 STEMI care.
- In 2022, Pardee BlueMD announces its subrecipient status within Blue Ridge Health's designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
- In 2023, the logo and name change to UNC Health Pardee is announced.
- Mammo on the Go, a mobile mammography vehicle offering state-of-the-art, digital 3D breast imaging services launches in 2023.
- In 2023, new state of the art cath lab opens at Pardee Hospital.
- Pardee Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, a group of wholly-owned practices, opens in 2025.
- Pardee is now comprised of the main campus, licensed for 222 acute care beds, as well as over 50 practices and clinics throughout Henderson, Transylvania, Buncombe, and Haywood counties.
- Pardee is the second-largest employer in Henderson County, with over 115 employed physicians, over 80 advanced practice providers, and more than 1,900 staff members.

