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### **Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center to offer FREE Skin Cancer Screening on May 21<sup>st</sup>**

(Washington, NC) – The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center in conjunction with the Shepard Cancer Foundation will offer free skin cancer screenings Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Cancer Center located at 1209 Brown Street in Washington. Dr. Jennie Crews and Dr. John Inzerillo of the Cancer Center will be joined by other physicians in the region and will examine areas of concern as well as offer skin cancer education. Free sunscreen will be provided. To make an appointment for the screening please call Lifestyles Medical Fitness Center at 975-4236.

May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month – the month dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. According to the National Cancer Institute, skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Each year, more than 68,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and another 48,000 are diagnosed with an early form of the disease that involves only the top layer of skin. Also, more than 2 million people are treated for basal cell or squamous cell skin cancer each year. Current estimates from the American Academy of Dermatology are that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults 25-29 years old and the second most common form of cancer for adolescents and young adults 15-29 years old.

The Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center, a department of Beaufort County Medical Center, provides medical services in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and blood disorders. This state-of-the-art cancer center provides high-quality, comprehensive cancer treatment along with compassionate care to the residents of Beaufort and surrounding counties.

The mission of the Shepard Cancer Foundation is to financially support and promote the Marion L Shepard Cancer Center in its efforts to improve the mind, body and spirit of cancer patients, survivors and caregivers."

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