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## **Palmetto General Hospital Names 2011 Directors of the Year**

**HIALEAH, Fla. (January 2012)** – Palmetto General Hospital is pleased to announce its 2011 directors of the year. Ortelio Carcache, Revenue Integrity Director, and Hopeton English, Controller, have been recognized for their outstanding service and leadership at Palmetto General Hospital during the past year. Recognized additionally for outstanding performance were: Ana Gonzales-Fajardo, human resources director; and James Ransone, special services director, 6th Floor.

Additionally, Aramis Garcia, environmental director received the Hospital Housekeeping Services (HHS) Manager of the Year award. He was also recognized as one of the top three directors in HHS, and the top director in the Eastern Division for HHS.

“At Palmetto General Hospital, we depend on our leadership to guide our quality performance and patient care,” said Ana Mederos, chief executive officer. This is a special time of year, where we honor our leaders who have truly made a significant impact at our hospital. We thank all of our directors and congratulate those who are specially recognized as our directors of the year.”

### **About Palmetto General Hospital:**

Palmetto General Hospital, part of Tenet's Miami-Dade/Broward Health Network, is a 360-bed acute-care hospital located at 2001 West 68th Street in Hialeah, Florida. The hospital has served the medical and health care needs of Northwest Miami-Dade and Southwest Broward counties for 40 years.

Palmetto General Hospital offers a broad range of services, including adult and pediatric emergency rooms, maternity, mental health, cancer center, hyperbaric, wound care, and sleep disorders center, a cardiac program that includes both medical and surgical services, a bariatric program that has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery and a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence as designated by the American College of Radiology. Palmetto General Hospital is fully accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

For its Bariatric Surgery Program, Palmetto General Hospital is the Best-Rated Hospital in Miami-Dade County and has also ranked second in Florida for 2010/2011 and among the Top 5% in the Nation for Bariatric Surgery for three consecutive years in a row by HealthGrades, the nation's leading health care quality ratings company. In addition, Palmetto General Hospital has received a 5-star rating for valve replacement surgery and stroke care for 2011 by HealthGrades.

In addition, the hospital received the 2010 American Heart Association Get With the Guidelines (GWTG) Gold Performance Achievement Award, and in 2009, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association choose the "America's Best Hospitals" issue (July 2009) in the US News and World Report to recognize the Palmetto General Hospital for Achievements in Get With The Guidelines Programs. Palmetto General Hospital is also one of only 34 hospitals nationwide to earn Solucient's 100 Top Hospitals designation six or more times.

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