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PALMETTO GENERAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES DIRECTORS OF THE YEAR

MIAMI -January 18, 2011 — Palmetto General Hospital is proud to announce its 2010 directors of the year. In a luncheon celebration, Palmetto General Hospital CEO, Ana Mederos, honored the following directors: nursing director of the year, Joanne Floyd, Surgical Services Director; best department turnaround, Gary Planells, Cardiac Lab Director; and operational excellence, Mary Ibarra Diaz, Pharmacy Director and Erna Rappaport, Health Information Director.

“I am pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of each director of the year and recognize the significant improvements each as made to his or her respective department,” said Ana Mederos. “We are committed to continuously improving our processes to ensure that our patients receive the highest quality care possible.”

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. To learn more about Palmetto General Hospital, visit www.palmettogeneral.com.

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