

## **PALMETTO GENERAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES THE GRADUATION OF THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF PHARMACY RESIDENTS**

**Miami, FL (July 2011)** – Palmetto General Hospital Pharmacy Department and its Administration proudly announce its First Annual Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program Graduation Ceremony. The first two PGY1 Pharmacy Residents of the Inaugural Class of 2011 are Dr. Daniel De Arazoza, PharmD and Dr. Jenny Martinez, PharmD.

Palmetto General Hospital proud to have implemented a one year post-graduate Pharmacy Residency Program which prepares Pharmacy Residents with the skills and knowledge necessary to practice in patient care settings with a specialization in clinical pharmacy practice. As members of the healthcare team, residents are actively involved in medication therapies and patient-centered care.

“The Palmetto family is proud of the success of this new program and proud of the graduates,” said Ana Mederos, chief executive officer.

The pharmacy residents were joined by family, friends, physicians, staff and administration to celebrate this important milestone in their career and for the hospital. Special recognitions were presented to key physicians and hospital leadership that participated in this residency program.

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### **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](http://www.palmettogeneral.com).