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**PALMETTO GENERAL HOSPITAL WELCOMES FIVE NEW PHYSICIANS TO
ITS TALENTED MEDICAL STAFF**

MIAMI- February 2011- Palmetto General Hospital is proud to announce that five new physicians have joined its medical staff. Together, they bring medical expertise in a wide range of specialties.

“Palmetto General Hospital takes pride in its ability to recruit a talented medical team, and each of these physicians- with his or her own medical specialty- will help our hospital work towards its mission to provide high quality health care services to each patient that walks through our doors,” said Ana Mederos, CEO, Palmetto General Hospital.

Physicians now on staff at Palmetto General Hospital include:

- Jose Alvarez-Fuentes, MD, Pediatric Emergency
- Livia C. Gadea, MD, Family Medicine
- Ifeany I. Isaiah, MD, Nephrology
- Jesus Lorite, MD, Family Medicine
- Francisco Rubio, MD, Hand Surgery

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.