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**PALMETTO GENERAL HOSPITAL SHOWS ITS APPRECIATION DURING
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND
NATIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE WEEK**

HIALEAH- May 11,2011 – As we celebrate National Nurses Week and National Hospital and Healthcare Week (May 6-14), we would like to recognize the men and women who work hard every day to provide high quality, compassionate care for our patients and their families.

“Our employees are dedicated to providing high quality care for our patients,” said Ana Mederos, CEO of Palmetto General Hospital. “They make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. I am very proud of the work they do.”

Since 1921, hospitals across the country have been celebrating National Hospital and Healthcare Week and inviting their communities to join in saying “thank you” to the many health care workers who provide quality care throughout the year. Additionally, National Nurses Week honors the hard work and dedication of nurses and begins on the birth date of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

“I often hear our employees refer to their role as a calling,” said Mederos. “That feeling is shown in every caring touch and the time they spend listening to our patients. The compassion shown by our employees inspires me. National Nurses Week and National Hospital and Healthcare Week allow us the chance to say thank you to these extraordinary people who care for our families and friends.

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 more than 30 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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