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Ana Mederos Named CEO of Palmetto General Hospital

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – July 5, 2006 – Tenet’s hospital network in South Florida’s Miami-Dade and Broward counties announced today that Ana Mederos has been named chief executive officer of Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah. The appointment will be effective in mid-July.

“Ana’s background and experience uniquely qualifies her to provide the leadership required to lead Palmetto General Hospital to greater heights in the years ahead,” said Ralph A. Aleman, network vice president. “Her strong clinical and managerial skills, coupled with a great knowledge of the health care market in Miami-Dade County will serve her well in her new role.”

“Palmetto General Hospital has a proud tradition of serving the residents of Miami-Dade County,” Mederos said. “I welcome the opportunity to work closely with the physicians and staff to better serve this vibrant community that has come to depend upon Palmetto for their health care needs.”

Mederos, 50, is a registered nurse who has served as CEO at two Tenet hospitals in South Florida, most recently at Hialeah Hospital and, prior to that, at North Shore Medical Center. Before joining Tenet in 2001, Mederos served as chief operating officer of Cedars Medical Center and chief nursing officer of Victoria Hospital, both located in Miami.

Mederos holds a bachelor’s degree in health care administration from Florida International University and a master’s degree in business administration from Nova Southeastern University. Mederos is also a registered nurse with an associate’s degree from Miami-Dade College.

Palmetto General Hospital, part of Tenet's hospital network in South Florida's Miami-Dade and Broward counties, is a 360-bed acute-care hospital at 2001 West 68th St. in Hialeah. The hospital has served the medical and health care needs of north and south Broward County for more than 30 years. Palmetto General Hospital offers a broad range of services, including adult and pediatric emergency rooms. The hospital has been named one of America's 100 Top Hospitals six times by Solucient, an independent health care research firm. The hospital was also honored in 2006 with the prestigious Tenet Circle of Excellence award for outstanding performance. Palmetto General Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. For more information about PGH, visit www.palmettogeneral.com.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation's (NYSE: THC) hospital network in South Florida's Miami-Dade and Broward counties comprises seven acute care hospitals with approximately 2,516 beds and numerous related health care services.

The network's hospitals include Coral Gables Hospital, Florida Medical Center, Hialeah Hospital, Hollywood Medical Center, North Shore Medical Center, Palmetto General Hospital and Parkway Regional Medical Center. Tenet's hospitals aim to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through their doors, with a clear focus on quality and service. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital photograph of Ana Mederos is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]