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## **David Pettit Named CEO of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center**

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Nov. 6, 2006** – The Palm Beach Health Network announced today that David A. Pettit has been named chief executive officer of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center in Palm Beach County, effective Nov. 8.

“David is an experienced senior level executive who has spent the past 16 years working in the South Florida market,” said Mitch Feldman, vice president of Palm Beach Health Network. “His knowledge of health care, dedication to providing the highest level of patient care and commitment to quality will provide a strong administrative foundation at the hospital. David’s proven track record in Florida makes him an ideal choice to lead Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.”

“Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is nationally recognized as one of the top hospitals in South Florida and the nation. The hospital has faithfully served the community for over 35 years, and I am looking forward to working with the talented physicians and caregivers at the hospital to continue providing the level of care that patients have come to expect,” Pettit said.

Pettit, 42, is an experienced and respected health care professional with extensive management of hospitals and health care systems experience in multi-unit health care systems. Most recently, he was interim CEO at Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Weston. Under his leadership, the hospital earned numerous third part quality endorsements, including the American Heart Association’s *Get With The Guidelines* (2006); Tenet’s *Circle of Excellence* (2006); *Top 100 Hospital* from Solucient, Inc. (2005); and United Health’s Cardiac Network Quality Designation (2005). Since 1993, he served as CFO for

Cleveland Clinic Hospital, West Boca Medical Center, Florida Medical Center and Pinecrest Rehabilitation Hospital. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, part of Tenet South Florida, is a 199-bed acute care hospital located at 3360 Burns Road in Palm Beach Gardens. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 35 years. Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center offers a broad range of services, including open-heart and comprehensive cardiac care, orthopedics, diagnostic imaging, general surgery, outpatient surgery and 24-hour emergency care. In 2005, HealthGrades, a leading health care rating organization, honored Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center with the *Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence* and rated the hospital among the top 5 percent in the nation for cardiac services, cardiology and cardiac interventional procedures. The hospital has also received recognition from the American Heart Association for its “*Get With the Guidelines*” program. Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center 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 visit the website at [www.pbgmc.com](http://www.pbgmc.com).

Palm Beach Health Network, part of Tenet Healthcare Corporation’s (NYSE: THC) Florida operations, comprises five acute care hospitals and one rehabilitation hospital with approximately 1,670 beds and numerous related health care services.

The network’s hospitals include Delray Medical Center, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Pinecrest Rehabilitation Hospital, St. Mary’s Medical Center and West Boca 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](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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