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Drew P. Kahn Named CEO at Houston Northwest Medical Center

DALLAS – April 13, 2006 – Tenet’s Texas-Gulf Coast Region announced today that Drew P. Kahn has been named chief executive officer of Houston Northwest Medical Center in Houston. Kahn, 38, is an experienced hospital operator with more than a decade of experience with Tenet and more than eight years in the Houston health care market. He has held leadership roles at two of Tenet’s three acute care hospitals in Houston. Kahn has served as interim chief executive officer at Houston Northwest Medical Center since October 2005.

“Drew’s experience with Houston Northwest’s physicians and depth of experience in the market helped make him the clear choice to lead the hospital forward in what has become an extremely competitive and growing health care market,” said Robert L. Smith, senior vice president of operations for the Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast Region. “He has developed and nurtured relationships with physicians in the local community. We’re very pleased Drew accepted the opportunity to serve in this role full time.”

“For the past 12 years I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to work in several operations and development roles both locally in Houston and across Texas,” said Kahn. “Houston Northwest’s physicians and staff are recognized across the community for their commitment to quality patient care, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to expand our services.”

Kahn started his career with Tenet at Houston Northwest Medical Center in 1994 as a home health director before advancing to associate administrator and director of business development in 1998. From 2002 to 2004, he coordinated the development of key business strategies for 16 Tenet facilities in Tenet's Texas region based in Dallas. He most recently served for a year and a half as chief operating officer of Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center in Houston, a 158-bed community hospital that provides comprehensive health care services and has received national recognition in key specialties from a number of third party sources.

Kahn holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas in Austin and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston.

Houston Northwest Medical Center, part of Tenet Texas, is a licensed 498-bed acute care facility located at 710 FM 1960 in Houston, Texas. Houston Northwest Medical Center has been serving the North Houston community for over 30 years. The hospital provides a broad spectrum of medical and surgical services, including cardiovascular services, women's health in the Women's Atrium, orthopedics, neurosciences and neurosurgery, oncology, 24-hour Emergency Department, cardiology, outpatient surgery and pediatrics. Houston Northwest Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Houston Northwest Medical Center, visit www.hnmc.com.

Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 13 acute care hospitals and two specialty facilities in Texas and Mississippi with approximately 3,167 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes five hospitals serving the greater Dallas area and a two acute care hospital system in El Paso.

Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast hospitals include Gulf Coast Medical Center in Mississippi and Centennial Medical Center, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Doctors Hospital of Dallas, Houston Northwest Medical Center, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Nacogdoches Medical Center, Park Plaza Hospital, RHD Memorial Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital, Shelby Regional Medical

Center, Sierra Medical Center and Trinity Medical Center in Texas. The region also includes two specialty hospitals, Plaza Specialty Hospital and Sierra Providence Physical Rehabilitation Hospital. 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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