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## **James M. Murphy Named CEO at Plaza Specialty Hospital**

**DALLAS – July 12, 2006** – Tenet’s Texas region announced today that James M. Murphy has been named chief executive officer of Plaza Specialty Hospital, a 65-bed long term acute care facility located within Park Plaza Hospital in Houston. For the past two years Murphy was chief operating officer at Tenet’s RHD Memorial Medical Center, a 150-bed general acute care facility in Dallas. His appointment at Plaza Specialty is effective July 17, 2006.

“Jim’s clinical background has really served as a springboard for his operational capabilities,” said Robert L. Smith, senior vice president of operations for the Tenet Texas Region. “His direct experience in patient care provides a valuable knowledge base for assessing and improving the operational strategies and efficiency of various clinical and ancillary departments. Add the clinical component to his leadership and operational abilities, and Plaza Specialty is a logical fit.”

“My experience at RHD has been invaluable, and I am very excited at the opportunity to join the team in Houston,” said Murphy. “With such an emphasis placed on nursing and clinical quality, I’m looking forward to using both my clinical and operational skills to help move Plaza Specialty forward.”

Murphy, 46, joined RHD Memorial Medical Center as chief operating officer in 2004. In that role, he helped decrease labor costs by improving operational efficiency, enhancing quality of care through the establishment of performance improvement teams, assisting in improving patient

satisfaction scores, developing and implementing a pharmacy cost reduction program and managing the day-to-day hospital operations and ancillary departments.

He began his career with Tenet in 2001 as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Brownsville Medical Center. He quickly progressed from a member of the nursing staff to administrative director of nursing services in 2002, followed by a promotion in 2003 to chief operations officer and interim chief nursing officer. Prior to his five years with Tenet, Murphy spent 16 years with Columbia Medical Center East HCA in El Paso in various clinical and management roles.

Murphy holds a bachelor's of science in nursing degree from University of Texas at El Paso, and a master's degree in business administration from Texas Women's University in Denton.

Tenet Texas, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 12 acute care hospitals and two specialty facilities in Texas with approximately 3,115 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. Sierra Providence Eastside Hospital, a 100 bed acute care hospital located in El Paso, is currently under construction and is expected to open in early 2008.

Tenet Texas hospitals include 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, Providence Memorial Hospital, RHD Memorial Medical Center, Shelby Regional Medical Center, Sierra Medical Center and Trinity Medical Center. 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](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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*[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital photograph of James Murphy is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Texas Region at (469) 893-6114]*