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Jeffery Flocken to Lead Tenet's California Region

DALLAS – Nov. 29, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that Jeffery Flocken has been promoted to senior vice president in charge of the company's California region, effective Jan. 1, 2007. He succeeds Dr. Stephen L. Newman, who earlier this week was named Tenet's chief operating officer, also effective Jan. 1, 2007.

Flocken will be based at Tenet's regional office in Santa Ana, Calif., and he will report to Newman. Tenet's California region comprises 16 acute care hospitals and one specialty hospital in California, and an academic medical center in Omaha, Neb.

Flocken, 52, came to Tenet last August as vice president of the California region. He is a veteran California hospital executive who has also been a leader in regional health care associations.

"Jeff Flocken is the ideal person to continue the significant turnaround of our California operations," said Trevor Fetter, Tenet's president and chief executive officer. "He has the right combination of experience, knowledge of the region and leadership skills. He will bring fresh perspectives and new energy to this important position."

Over the past three years, Tenet's operations in California have shown consistent improvement both in the quality of care provided to patients and in financial performance. The California region was the first in Tenet to pursue the company's *Targeted Growth Initiative*, in which a hospital's service

offerings and growth plans are matched against anticipated future changes in the health care needs of its community. Based on its early success in California, the *Targeted Growth Initiative* is being implemented at all Tenet hospitals nationwide.

Before joining Tenet, Flocken spent eight years with the St. Joseph Health System in Orange, Calif., including six years as its chief operating officer.

Previously, he was president and chief executive officer of Northridge Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles from 1989 to 1997. During his tenure at Northridge, he also served for three years as Medical Centers Division vice president for Northridge's Hospital's parent company, Unihealth. From 1980 to 1989, he served in various capacities at Northridge Hospital, including senior vice president and chief operating officer.

Flocken also has served on the boards of the Hospital Assn. of Southern California and the California Hospital Assn. He has also been a board member of California's Maternal Outreach Management Services and the Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Northridge, and a master's degree in public health and hospital administration from UCLA.

Tenet's California region includes these hospitals:

Community Hospital of Los Gatos
Creighton University Hospital (Omaha, Neb.)
Desert Regional Medical Center (Palm Springs)
Doctors Hospital of Manteca
Doctors Medical Center of Modesto
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center
Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center
Irvine Regional Hospital and Medical Center
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital (Indio)
Lakewood Regional Medical Center
Los Alamitos Medical Center
Placentia Linda Hospital (Placentia)
San Dimas Community Hospital
San Ramon Regional Medical Center
Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center (San Luis Obispo)
Twin Cities Community Hospital (Templeton)
USC Kenneth Norris Jr. Cancer Hospital (Los Angeles)

USC University Hospital (Los Angeles)

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related health care services. 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 Jeffery Flocken is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]