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Debbie Walsh Named CEO at USC University Hospital and USC Norris Cancer Hospital

SANTA ANA, Calif. – May 3, 2007 – Tenet California announced today that Debbie Walsh has been named chief executive officer of USC University Hospital, a 265-bed academic medical center, and USC Norris Cancer Hospital, a 60-bed hospital that specializes in cancer treatment, effective immediately. Walsh, 51, has served as the hospitals' interim chief executive officer since June 2006 and has been the chief operating officer since 2003. She is a Registered Nurse with a master's degree in nursing, and also has served as the chief nursing officer for two years.

“Debbie is an accomplished health care executive with nearly 30 years of management and clinical experience,” said Jeffrey Flocken, senior vice president for Tenet's California Region. “She has successfully led USC University Hospital and USC Norris to many accomplishments in the past year, most notably the completion of the new \$150 million Norris Inpatient Tower in January. Debbie is respected by the physicians and nurses at both hospitals, and is well-deserving of this promotion.”

“For the past 12 years, I've been very fortunate to work in many leadership positions at these two hospitals and watch them grow,” said Walsh. “I look forward to continuing to develop our services and work with our employees, physicians, the Keck School of Medicine and the University of Southern California to provide quality care to our patients.”

In addition to shepherding the completion of the new Norris Inpatient Tower, Walsh has achieved several significant accomplishments during her tenure as interim CEO. In 2006, USC University Hospital was the top-rated hospital on Tenet's internal balanced score card, which measures performance indicators such as quality and financial performance. She also led the implementation of new information technology systems at USC Norris and an update of those at USC University Hospital. USC University Hospital also received national recognition in *U.S. News and World Report's* most recent issue of "America's Best Hospitals" for making the list in multiple specialties, including one ranking in the top 10 for ophthalmology. Her leadership has been instrumental in helping the academic medical center improve the clinical performance measures of USC University Hospital's abdominal transplant program.

Walsh has worked in multiple departments during her tenure at USCUH and USC Norris, including as associate administrator of interventional and diagnostic services, director of surgical services and director of the outpatient surgery center. She began her career as a nurse and spent eight years in clinical practice.

Walsh has a bachelor's degree in nursing from California State University, Los Angeles and a master's degree in nursing from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.

Tenet California, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 17 acute care hospitals in California and one in Nebraska with approximately 3,424 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes USC University Hospital in Los Angeles and Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. – two renowned academic medical centers – as well as major urban and community hospitals that serve large and diverse populations in Southern, Northern and Central California.

Tenet California's hospitals are Community Hospital of Los Gatos, Desert Regional Medical Center, 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, Lakewood Regional Medical Center, Los Alamitos Medical Center, Placentia-Linda Hospital, San Dimas Community Hospital, San Ramon Medical Center, Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, Twin Cities Community Hospital and USC University Hospital. The region's sole Nebraska hospital is Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha. Tenet California also includes USC Norris Cancer Hospital, a specialty 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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[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital photograph of Debbie Walsh is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]