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USC University Hospital Opens New, \$150 Million Inpatient Tower

Investment by Tenet Brings State-of-the-Art Technology to Central Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES – Jan. 17, 2007 – Officials of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), USC University Hospital and the University of Southern California joined hands this morning to dedicate a new, 10-story inpatient tower that will significantly expand and enhance the nationally recognized hospital's capacity for treating patients with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and supporting advanced medical research.

The new Norris Inpatient Tower will have 146 patient beds and some of the most advanced medical technology available to support cancer treatment. At a cost of \$150 million, the building will house eleven new operating rooms and include three ultra-modern suites devoted to minimally invasive surgery. A fourth suite will be equipped with highly advanced intra-operative magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment that will give surgeons real-time patient imaging and feedback during a procedure enabling them to perform even more precise neurosurgical procedures.

The Norris Inpatient Tower is connected to USC University Hospital, a 269-bed acute hospital that for the past three years has been rated as one of "America's Best Hospitals" as reported by *U.S. News & World Report*. The Norris Inpatient Tower will bring the hospital's total number of licensed beds to 415.

“USC University Hospital has been at the forefront of medicine and a nationally recognized teaching hospital since we built it in 1991, and it offers some of the most sophisticated health care technology available today,” said Trevor Fetter, Tenet’s president and chief executive officer. “USC University Hospital represents Tenet’s core values of dedication to our communities and our commitment to providing quality patient care and service.”

Tenet and the University of Southern California have been successful partners in advancing and providing quality health care since 1985. Through the years, Tenet has invested a half a billion dollars to help the University’s Keck School of Medicine build and maintain a world-class academic medical center in the heart of Los Angeles. In the past five years alone, Tenet has invested about \$229 million in the USC Health Sciences campus, including the purchase of the adjacent Norris Cancer Hospital from USC in 2003.

“The new Norris Inpatient Tower is the most recent and tangible evidence of our continuing commitment to our partnership with USC and the Keck School of Medicine,” Fetter added.

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