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Tenet Hospitals Awarded 97 UnitedHealth Premium® Specialty Center Designations

Thirty-four hospitals recognized for cardiac and orthopedic programs

DALLAS – Jan. 15, 2008 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) today announced that 34 hospitals have received 22 designations as UnitedHealth Premium® Surgical Spine and Total Joint Replacement Specialty Centers and 75 designations for Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology.

These designations mean that the hospitals have met rigorous quality criteria based on nationally recognized medical standards and expert advice. Hospitals must meet or exceed UnitedHealthcare's criteria based on detailed information about programmatic structure, patient care processes and clinical outcomes that are submitted by the hospital to UnitedHealthcare.

“These designations reflect our hospitals’ commitment to providing quality cardiac and orthopedic care,” said Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet’s chief operating officer and acting chief medical officer. “The designations our hospitals received exceeded the national average for all hospitals contracted with UnitedHealthcare. This demonstrates that our hospitals and staff deliver care that

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exceeds nationally recognized standards and ensures that our patients can be confident they are getting high quality treatment. Programs like the UnitedHealth Premium[®] Specialty Center help patients make informed decisions about where to seek care.”

Sam Ho, M.D., executive vice president and chief medical officer at UnitedHealthcare, stated that consumers need to know that they are getting quality treatment. “Our goal is to enhance the overall quality of care for our customers and enrollees, The UnitedHealth Premium designation signals to all consumers that these hospitals meet or exceed nationally recognized standards of care.”

Receiving the designations were:

- Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, Ga., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Brookwood Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala., Total Joint Replacement, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Community Hospital of Los Gatos, Los Gatos, Calif., Total Joint Replacement
- Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, Neb., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach, Fla., Total Joint Replacement, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Des Peres Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Total Joint Replacement, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology

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- Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs, Calif., Total Joint Replacement, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, Modesto, Calif., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Surgical Spine
- Florida Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Fountain Valley, Calif., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Frye Regional Medical Center, Hickory, N.C., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Good Samaritan Medical Center, West Palm Beach, Fla., Total Joint Replacement
- Hilton Head Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head, S.C., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Houston Northwest Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Irvine Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Irvine, Calif., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Lakewood Regional Medical Center, Lakewood, Calif., Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, Calif., Interventional Cardiology

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- Nacogdoches Medical Center, Nacogdoches, Texas, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- North Fulton Regional Hospital, Roswell, Ga., Surgical Spine
- Northshore Regional Medical Center, Slidell, La., Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill, S.C., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, Texas, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Saint Francis Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., Total Joint Replacement, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Saint Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- San Ramon Medical Center, San Ramon, Calif., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Sierra Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology
- Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, San Luis Obispo, Calif., Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery and Interventional Cardiology
- Spalding Regional Medical Center, Griffin, Ga., Interventional Cardiology

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- Twin Cities Community Hospital, Templeton, Calif., Interventional Cardiology
- USC University Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif., Total Joint Replacement, Surgical Spine, Cardiovascular Surgery, Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology

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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