Palmetto General Hospital Congratulates Physicians on our Medical Staff Recognized as "Top Doctors" by U.S. News and World Report

Hialeah, FL (May 2, 2012) – Palmetto General Hospital is proud to recognize 14 of its physicians on the medical staff that were listed as “Top Doctors” by Castle Connelly, a research firm specializing in providing consumers with information about the nation’s best doctors and hospitals. This year’s list published in U.S. News and World Report included:

- Dr. Rafael Cabrera, Reproductive Endocrinology
- Dr. Jaime Campos, Infectious Disease
- Dr. Maria Victoria Egusquiza, Pediatrics
- Dr. Steven Fields, Internal Medicine
- Dr. Jose Font, Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery
- Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, Pulmonology
- Dr. Mark Gordon, Surgery
- Dr. Michael Graubert, Reproductive Endocrinology
- Dr. Ricardo Machado, Cardiology
- Dr. Luis Pagan, Neurosurgery
- Dr. Jose Pinero, Cardiology
- Dr. Hugo Salinas, Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Dr. Emery Salom, Gynecologic Oncology
- Dr. Jorge Sosa, Surgery

“We congratulate these physicians for being named ‘top doctors’ and are proud to have these physicians on staff at Palmetto General Hospital.” said Ana Mederos, Chief Executive Officer at Palmetto General Hospital.

The Castle Connelly selection process for the Top Doctors listing begins with peer recognition through surveys that are given out to thousands of physicians nationwide and other healthcare leaders. They are asked to identify who they believe are highly skilled, exceptional doctors. This peer-recommended list is then reviewed by Castle Connelly for standards including medical education, training, hospital appointments, professional achievements and any disciplinary or malpractice history.

About Palmetto General Hospital:
Palmetto General Hospital, part of Tenet's Miami-Dade/Broward Health Network, is a 360-bed acute-care hospital located at 2001 West 68th Street in Hialeah, Florida. The hospital has served the medical and health care needs of Northwest Miami-Dade and Southwest Broward counties for 40 years.

Palmetto General Hospital offers a broad range of services, including adult and pediatric emergency rooms, maternity, mental health, cancer center, hyperbaric, wound care, and sleep disorders center, a cardiac program that includes both medical and surgical services, a bariatric program that has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery and a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence as designated by the American College of Radiology. Palmetto General Hospital is fully accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

For its Bariatric Surgery Program, Palmetto General Hospital is the Best-Rated Hospital in Miami-Dade County and has also ranked second in Florida for 2010/2011 and among the Top 5% in the Nation for Bariatric Surgery for three consecutive years in a row by HealthGrades, the nation’s leading health care quality ratings company. In addition, Palmetto General Hospital has received a 5-star rating for valve replacement surgery and stroke care for 2011 by HealthGrades.

In addition, the hospital received the 2010 American Heart Association Get With the Guidelines (GWTG) Gold Performance Achievement Award, and in 2009, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association choose the “America’s Best Hospitals” issue (July 2009) in the US News and World Report to recognize the Palmetto General Hospital for Achievements in Get With The Guidelines Programs. Palmetto General Hospital is also one of only 34 hospitals nationwide to earn Solucient’s 100 Top Hospitals designation six or more times.

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