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West Boca Medical Center Earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’ Recognition from The Joint Commission

MIAMI, Fla. (September 16, 2011) – West Boca Medical Center today was named one of the nation’s top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission, a leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. West Boca Medical Center was recognized by The Joint Commission based on data reported about evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care and children’s asthma.

“We are proud to be among the select few hospitals nationwide that are being recognized by the Joint Commission for achieving top quality measures,” said Mitch Feldman, chief executive officer, West Boca Medical Center. “Our doctors, nurses, and staff have worked very hard to ensure that delivering the highest quality patient care possible is a top priority.”

West Boca Medical Center is one of only 405 U.S. hospitals and critical access hospitals earning the distinction of top performer on key quality measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Inclusion on the list is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the previous calendar year. For example, this first recognition program is based on data that were reported for 2010.

To be recognized as a top performer on key quality measures an organization must meet two 95 percent performance thresholds. First, they must achieve a composite performance of 95 percent or above after the results of all the accountability measures for which they report data to The Joint Commission were factored into a single score, including measures that had less than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, they must

meet or exceed a 95 percent performance target for every single accountability measure for which they reported data, excluding any measures with less than 30 eligible cases or patients.

West Boca Medical Center was recognized for achieving these thresholds for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care.

“Today, the public expects transparency in the reporting of performance at the hospitals where they receive care, and The Joint Commission is shining a light on the top performing hospitals such as West Boca Medical Center,” says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., M.P.P., M.P.H, president, The Joint Commission.

In addition to being included in today’s release of The Joint Commission’s “Improving America’s Hospitals” annual report, West Boca Medical Center will be recognized on The Joint Commission’s Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org).

About West Boca Medical Center

West Boca Medical Center, part of Tenet South Florida, is a 195-bed acute care hospital located at 21644 State Road 7 in Boca Raton, Florida. West Boca Medical Center has been serving the medical and healthcare needs of its community and surrounding areas for over 20 years.

West Boca Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including general medical and surgical care, orthopedics and sports medicine, a robotic surgery program offering minimally invasive surgery for gynecological, urological and general surgical procedures, a state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging center featuring open MRI and digital mammography, cardiac and surgical intensive care, outpatient surgery services, 24-hour emergency services for adults and children, diabetes education, a cystic fibrosis program for adults and children, outpatient rehabilitation services and a specialized sleep diagnostic center with a dedicated lab for infants and pediatrics as well as adults. West Boca Medical Center is also a Certified Primary Stroke Center, and received the 2010 American Stroke Association/American Heart Association’s *Get With The Guidelines*-Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement Award, and the *Get With The Guidelines*-Heart Failure Silver Performance Achievement Award.

The hospital also offers several specialties, including a level III neonatal intensive care unit, the BirthCare Pavilion, a pediatric unit and a pediatric intensive care unit. It is also a recipient of the HealthGrades Maternity Care Excellence Award five years in a row (2006-2011). In addition, HealthGrades has ranked West Boca’s maternity program among the top 5% five percent in the nation for four years in a row (2007-2011).

The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. West Boca Medical Center was also recently recognized by The Joint Commission as a top performer for meeting high quality measures in treatment of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care. For more information about West Boca Medical Center or for physician referral, call 866-904-WBMC (9262) or visit the website at www.westbocamedctr.com

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