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**Study Places West Boca Medical Center's Maternity Care Top 5% in
the Nation**

Independent Analysis Based on Complication and Neonatal Mortality Rates

BOCA RATON, FL—(June 30, 2010)—Maternity Care at West Boca Medical Center is among the top 5% in the nation according to a new study issued today by HealthGrades, the leading independent ratings organization. The study used state government data to compare hospitals in terms of complication rates for vaginal and C-section deliveries as well as neonatal mortality. This is the fourth straight year West Boca has been honored with this distinction.

As a result, the hospital received the 2010/2011 HealthGrades Maternity Care Excellence Award.

“This is an incredible honor for not only our maternity service, but the entire hospital too”, said West Boca CEO Mitch Feldman. “We certainly pride ourselves having **some of the** best care possible for expecting parents and an award like this only validates our hard work and dedication.” “The Medical Center cannot maintain this high level within the hospital without the outstanding teamwork provided by our obstetricians, perinatologists, anesthesiologists, and nursing staff.”

As a group, top-rated hospitals by HealthGrades had 51% fewer maternal complications for vaginal deliveries and 74% fewer maternal complications for C-sections when compared with the poorest-rated hospitals.

The study examined all hospitals in the 19 states that collect and publish outcomes data from hospitals, 1,546 in all. The study found if all hospitals, among the 19 states studied, performed at the level of best performing hospitals, 176, 654 women may have avoided developing one or more in hospital major obstetric complications during the period studied (2006-2008).

West Boca Medical Center is the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in North Broward County and Boca Raton. It also features private birthing suites with private bathrooms, 24 hour, 7 day a week anesthesia services, and neonatologists, and flexible visiting hours.

For this analysis by HealthGrades, hospitals were evaluated using the following criteria:

- Maternal complication rate among women undergoing single live-born vaginal or C-section deliveries
- Maternal complication rate among women undergoing “patient-choice” or non clinically indicated C-sections
- Newborn volume adjusted for low birth weight
- Newborn mortality rate stratified into eight birth weight categories

The complete methodology for the Health Grades Maternity Care study can be found at www.healthgrades.com

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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.

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 four years in a row (2006/2007 and 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010). HealthGrades has ranked West Boca’s maternity program among the top 5% five percent in the nation for three years in a row (2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010).

The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. 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.