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NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER FMC CAMPUS ENHANCES CARDIAC PROGRAM WITH REDESIGNED CARDIAC STEP-DOWN UNIT

New, modernized unit boasts private suites optimized for providing specialized care for cardiac patients

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. -(February 2, 2011) – North Shore Medical Center Florida

Medical Center Campus is known as a leading hospital for heart care, and now, the hospital has taken additional steps to advance its program by announcing an enhanced cardiac step-down unit. The modernized unit boasts private suites, each designed to increase comfort and create a positive healing environment for patients recovering from a range of cardiovascular-related surgeries and procedures.

The unit’s private suites feature warm colors, wood floors, modernized furniture, redesigned bathrooms and flat screen TVs. In addition to modern aesthetics, the cardiac step-down unit is staffed with a team of highly trained nurses who are completely focused on facilitating the continuum of heart care for each patient. The unit is also equipped with advanced cardiac patient monitoring technology.

“FMC Campus is a leader in providing cardiovascular care to our community, and the enhanced cardiac step-down unit is one of the many initiatives we are implementing

to deliver the best possible heart care to our patients,” said Chief Administrative Officer Ben Rodriguez. “We believe in creating a very positive, patient-centered environment at FMC Campus, and this unit reflects our dedication to promoting the comfort and health of our patients.”

FMC Campus has cared for patients with cardiovascular disease since performing the first open heart surgery in Broward County in 1974. The staff of experienced physicians employs some of the latest technology to perform a broad range of cardiac procedures. The hospital boasts board certified cardiologists, vascular and thoracic surgeons, and certified registered nurses and technologists to care for patients every step of the way. FMC Campus is equipped with four cardiac catheterization labs and dedicated cardiac operating rooms, providing for prompt and efficient patient care.

About North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus

North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus, part of Tenet’s Miami-Dade/Broward Health Network, is a 459-bed acute care hospital founded in 1973 and fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Located at 5000 West Oakland Park Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale in western Broward County, FMC Campus offers a broad range of medical and surgical services. Its Heart Institute of Florida, the hospital’s center for cardiac services, is a Joint Commission Certified Advanced Primary Stroke Center, Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI, and has received recognition from the American Heart Association’s “Get With the Guidelines”, for Gold Performance Achievement in Heart Failure, Coronary and Stroke. FMC Campus is also recognized by UnitedHealthcare as a Premium Specialty Care Center for cardiovascular surgery, electrophysiology, and interventional cardiology and by Blue Cross Blue Shield Florida Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care. FMC Campus’s additional services include the Surgical Weight Loss Institute recognized by the American Society for Bariatric Services as a Bariatric Center of Excellence, neurology and neurosurgery, cancer care, orthopedics, urology, psychiatry, gynecology, imaging, pain center, sleep lab, wound care, and 24-hour emergency services.

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