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**NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER APPOINTS NEW CHIEF NURSING OFFICER
AND DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

MIAMI -(February 2011) – North Shore Medical Center is proud to announce the appointment of Rita Hess as the hospital’s new Chief Nursing Officer and Manoucheka Thermitus as its new Director of Business Development. Both Hess and Thermitus will bring valuable skills to the hospital’s talented executive leadership team.

“We are pleased to welcome both Rita Hess and Manoucheka Thermitus to our administrative team,” said CEO Manny Linares. “Each brings extensive experience in her respective field and we look forward to their growth and success within North Shore Medical Center.”

As Chief Nursing Officer, Hess will maintain a high level of nursing service throughout North Shore Medical Center. She will be responsible for the overall leadership and oversight of all nursing departments and clinical services.

Prior to joining North Shore Medical Center, Hess served as Chief Nursing Officer for Des Peres Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Millerville University in Pennsylvania and her Master of Education: Health from Penn State University. She is a member of numerous professional organizations and licensed in several states.

As Director of Business Development, Thermitus will provide leadership for the development of

the hospital's business strategy and be responsible for directing and managing the planning, development and execution of strategic and comprehensive hospital initiatives and business development plans that support North Shore Medical Center's growth into the future.

Prior to her role as Director of Business Development at North Shore Medical Center, Thermitus was an entrepreneur and pharmaceutical sales consultant for a reputable pharmaceutical company. In this position, she was recognized for mastering, developing, nurturing and leveraging relationships with customers to drive business growth.

Thermitus earned her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Florida and is a leader in many local city and volunteer organizations. Thermitus serves on the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade Board; serves as a board member for KONBIT for Haiti; and is board chair for the Friends of Little Haiti Culture Complex.

ABOUT NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER

North Shore Medical Center, part of Tenet Healthcare, is a 357-bed general acute care community hospital located at 1100 NW 95 Street in Miami. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of its community for more than 53 years. North Shore Medical Center offers a broad range of services, including 24-hour emergency care with Fast Track service, maternity, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and psychiatric services. The hospital also offers specialized centers, including the C. Gordon Griffith Comprehensive Cancer Center with IMRT and X-Knife Radiosurgery, Intensive Care Unit, Wound Healing Center, Sleep Disorders Center, and Pain Care Center. The hospital was honored with the prestigious Tenet *Circle of Excellence* award for outstanding performance in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and received the 2006 CIGNA Centers of Excellence designation for caesarean section, stroke and syncope.

From 2006-2010 North Shore Medical Center has consistently won achievement awards with the American Heart Association's *Get With The Guidelines* program. Most recently, North Shore Medical Center was featured in a special advertisement in the 2010 "America's Best Hospitals" issue of *US News & World Report* to commemorate their receipt of *Get With The Guidelines* Gold Performance Achievement Award in Coronary Artery Disease treatment. In 2008/2009/2010, North Shore Medical Center also received a five-star rating of clinical excellence for maternity care from HealthGrades®.

North Shore Medical Center is Accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission On Cancer Commendation, 2005-2008; and has received the FMQAI's Performance Achievement Award for Hospital Quality improvement. The hospital is also fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about North Shore Medical Center, visit www.northshoremedical.com.

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