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NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER SHOWS ITS APPRECIATION DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND NATIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE WEEK

MIAMI - May 13, 2011 – As we celebrate National Nurses Week and National Hospital and Healthcare Week (May 6-14), we would like to recognize the men and women who work hard every day to provide high quality, compassionate care for our patients and their families. In celebrating these weeks at North Shore Medical Center, we are excited to announce Jose Casanas, an imaging supervisor as NSMC’s employee of the year and Suvitha Chandran, a telemetry nurse as NSMC’s nurse of the year.

“Our employees are dedicated to providing high quality care for our patients,” said Manny Linares, CEO of North Shore Medical Center. “They make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. I am very proud of the work they do.”

Since 1921, hospitals across the country have been celebrating National Hospital and Healthcare Week and inviting their communities to join in saying “thank you” to the many health care workers who provide quality care throughout the year. Additionally, National Nurses Week honors the hard work and dedication of nurses and begins on the birth date of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

“I often hear our employees refer to their role as a calling,” said Linares. “That feeling is shown in every caring touch and the time they spend listening to our patients. The compassion shown by our employees inspires me. National Nurses Week and National Hospital and Healthcare Week allow us the chance to say thank you to these extraordinary people who care for our families and friends.

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.