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

MIAMI, Fla. (September 2011) – Delray 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. Delray 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 Mark Bryan, chief executive officer, Delray 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.”

Delray 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.

Delray 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 Delray 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, Delray Medical Center will be recognized on The Joint Commission’s Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org).

About Delray Medical Center

For more than 25 years, Delray Medical Center, a 493-bed acute care hospital, has served the communities of South Palm Beach County. As both a community hospital and Level II trauma center located on a 42-acre medical plaza, Delray Medical Center has the ability to offer several specialized services including Cardiac Care, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, Neurosciences, Emergency Care and more. For the past four years, Delray Medical Center has been named one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals (HealthGrades), as well as a Primary Stroke Center (Joint Commission), a Blue Distinction Center for Spine Surgery and for Knee and Hip Replacement (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) and has also received the Get With The Guidelines award for coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure (American Heart Association). Delray Medical Center is one of only 269 hospitals ranked in the top 5% in the nation for patient outcomes according to a new study by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization, achieving the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award™. The hospital is one of just 13 hospitals in South Florida, and just one of five in Palm Beach County that received the recognition for its clinical performance. Delray 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. The hospital is actively involved in community outreach, sponsoring several events, community lectures and fundraisers. Delray Medical Center is also a smoke free campus.

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