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Delray Medical Center Named Provisional Level I Trauma Center by the State of Florida

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. – May 2011- After successfully completing the first phase of the State’s Level I trauma center approval process, Delray Medical Center is pleased to announce its recent designation as a Provisional Level I trauma center. This is the highest level designated by the Florida Department of Health. Final designation will be awarded after the hospital completes an additional two phases of the application process.

“Delray Medical Center is committed to enhancing its trauma services to meet the highest standards of care, and advancing from a Level II trauma center to a Provisional Level I trauma center confirms that we have successfully completed the first step to get there,” said Mark Bryan, chief executive officer, Delray Medical Center. “Palm Beach County can count on Delray Medical Center’s skilled trauma physicians, surgeons and nurses to provide the highest level of life-saving emergency and trauma care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.”

Provisional Level I trauma center status was granted after Delray Medical Center’s initial application was determined to be in compliance with the State’s critical standards. As of May 2, 2011, the hospital began operating as a Provisional Level II Trauma Center, with all trauma alert patients identified by emergency medical providers routed through Delray Medical Center’s emergency department.

As a Provisional Level I trauma center, Delray Medical Center will serve as a resource to Level II trauma centers, pediatric trauma referral-centers, and general

hospitals by providing trauma care outreach, education and quality-improvement initiatives.

Delray Medical Center's Level I trauma center application will now enter the second phase of the approval process, which involves an in-depth review between May 2, 2011 and June 30, 2011. The final step of the application process consists of a site survey between October 1, 2011 and May 30, 2012.

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/Trauma Care, Behavioral Health, and more.

For the past five years, Delray Medical Center has been named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization. Delray Medical Center is one of only 269 hospitals ranked in the top 5% in the nation for patient outcomes according to HealthGrades, achieving the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award™. Delray Medical Center was one of just 13 hospitals in South Florida- and one of five in Palm Beach County- that received this recognition for its clinical performance.

Several specialized services lines have also earned high achievements. Delray Medical Center's designation as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) confirms that the hospital's care programs follow national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve the outcomes for stroke patients. This designation followed Delray Medical Center's accreditation by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center.

For its orthopedics, Delray Medical Center is a Blue Distinction Center for Spine Surgery and Knee and Hip Replacement by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Delray Medical Center's cardiovascular care has also been the recipient of several awards. The hospital was featured in a special advertisement in the "America's Best Hospitals" 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and GOLD Plus Stroke Award. In addition, Delray Medical Center was recently named one of America's "Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals" by a Thomson Reuters. Selected from more than 1,000 U.S. hospitals, Delray Medical Center was chosen based on its record of providing high-quality and effective cardiovascular care.

Delray Medical Center is actively involved in community outreach, sponsoring many events, community lectures and fundraisers. The hospital is also a smoke free campus. For more

information or a physician referral, please call 1-800-897-9789 or visit the website at www.delraymedicalctr.com

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