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Coral Gables Hospital Earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’ Recognition from the Joint Commission

MIAMI, Fla. (September 14, 2011) – Coral Gables Hospital 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. Coral Gables Hospital 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 Jay Miranda, chief executive officer, Coral Gables Hospital. “Our doctors, nurses, and staff have worked very hard to ensure that delivering the highest quality patient care possible is a top priority.”

Coral Gables Hospital 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.

Coral Gables Hospital 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 Coral Gables Hospital,” 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, Coral Gables Hospital will be recognized on The Joint Commission’s Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org).

About Coral Gables Hospital

Coral Gables Hospital is a 245-bed acute care hospital located at 3100 Douglas Road in the heart of historic Coral Gables. The community-based hospital serves South Dade County, Latin America and the Caribbean. Coral Gables Hospital offers a broad range of services, from primary care to surgery and specialty programs- including: orthopedics, urology, comprehensive diagnostics services, emergency, outpatient rehabilitation and more. In 2011, Coral Gables Hospital received the American Heart Association “Get With The Guidelines” Heart Failure Award. Coral Gables Hospital has also earned CIGNA Quality Designations for Laparoscopic Gall Bladder Removal, Total Hip Replacement and Total Abdominal Hysterectomy. Coral Gables Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. Coral Gables Hospital recently earned ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures’ recognition from The Joint Commission, indicating the hospital 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.

To learn more about Coral Gables Hospital, visit www.coralgableshospital.com.

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