

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Pacific Alliance Medical Center receives 2006 *Thomson 100 Hospitals Performance® Improvement Leadership* award**

LOS ANGELES, CA (August 10, 2007) – Thomson Healthcare announced that Pacific Alliance Medical Center has been awarded the prestigious *2006 Thomson 100 Top Hospitals® Performance Improvement Leaders* award. The hospital located in the heart of Chinatown was selected based on performance improvement across the organization over five consecutive years from 2001 to 2005.

“We are extremely honored to receive this award from Thomson Healthcare,” said John Edwards, chief executive officer of Pacific Alliance Medical Center. “It is a tribute to our hospital’s board of directors, management team and staff who are continuously striving to fulfill Pacific Alliance Medical Center’s vision to be *the best.*”

To determine the top 100 hospitals, Thomson Healthcare conducted a study examining the performance of more than 2800 U.S. hospitals in a variety of clinical, financial and operational areas, ranking the hospitals that improved the most from 2001 to 2005. Pacific Alliance Medical Center and Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto are the only hospitals in California to be included in the 100 Top Hospitals®.

“100 Top Hospitals® are demonstrating progress the entire hospital industry has pursued since the Institute of Medicine published its landmark study, *Crossing the Quality Chasm*, in 2001,” said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for

performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Healthcare. "They are important hospitals to watch because they demonstrate a variety of ways that real improvements can be achieved in many key areas across the hospital organization simultaneously over an extended timeframe."

In recent years Pacific Alliance Medical Center has invested heavily in hospital program development, facility expansion, medical technology acquisition, and quality measure improvements. Evidence of the tremendous growth occurring can be seen throughout the hospital as it develops several programs of distinction, including: California Spine & Joint Care with noted surgeons Jan W. Duncan, M.D. and Luigi F. Galloni, M.D.; The Center for Wound Healing, which features state-of-the-art hyperbaric oxygen therapy; and Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby a comprehensive maternity program. In fact, earlier this year, the hospital celebrated the opening of its new maternity unit, which added 6500 square feet to the existing area and integrated the latest in obstetrical technology in private labor, delivery and recovery suites.

"The needs of our community are driving our growth," added John Edwards. "We will continue to improved programs and add services that the families of our community have told us are important to them. And, to be sure, we will do it in such a way that maximizes our resources and provides value to consumers, providers and our partners."

### **About the Pacific Alliance Medical Center**

Pacific Alliance Medical Center is 148-bed acute hospital offering a wide range of vital services and medical specialties to the area's nearly three million residents. Pacific Alliance Medical Center is the oldest standing hospital in Los Angeles. The medical staff consists of over 300 physicians that represent over 31 different specialties and speak more than 25 languages.

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