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Verdugo Hills Hospital Receives DNV Accreditation

(GLENDALE, CA – March 1, 2010) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) has recently received DNV accreditation for three years, placing high focus on patient safety and quality healthcare.

VHH has recently switched accreditation from The Joint Commission to DNV Healthcare.

“We are elevating our quality process,” said Judy McCurdy, Vice President of Patient Care Services at VHH. “We want to move beyond our prior accreditation process and set a new standard for quality healthcare.”

DNV Healthcare’s accreditation program is referred to as NIAHO (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations). It is the only Medicare accreditation process based on ISO 9001, which is a set of standards for quality management systems that is used to measure quality and accountability in various organizations.

DNV accreditation is the first and only CMS-approved accreditation program that integrates ISO 9001 healthcare quality standards with Medicare Conditions of Participation.

“DNV surveys are conducted annually. The focus of DNV accreditation is patient safety and continual improvement of key processes in an organization,” said Mark Lueken, Director of Quality Management at VHH.

DNV (Det Norske Veritas) has issued 1,200 ISO certificates to healthcare facilities worldwide, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, diagnostic centers, laboratories, nursing homes and homecare centers.

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About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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