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**Dr. Mutch Receives “Service Excellence Award”**

(GLENDALE, CA – March 5, 2009) – Joseph A. Mutch, MD, an obstetrician-gynecologist on staff at Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) since 1975, recently received a “Service Excellence Award” for outstanding member satisfaction from Physician Associates of Greater San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Mutch was honored by the 1,000 member physician group for highest patient satisfaction.

“I thank my own office and nursing staff for their support and enthusiasm in meeting our patients’ needs,” he said. “Patients and their families notice and appreciate our efforts and are grateful for the professional care.”

Having been on the VHH medical staff for three decades, Dr. Mutch also credits the nursing and medical staff at the community hospital. “The friendly, caring attitude and the continuity of the staff, especially the OB-GYN nursing personnel, makes VHH unique. Interaction and communication between the departments lets me give the best care possible,” said Dr. Mutch.

Dr. Mutch is a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the USC Keck School of Medicine. In addition, he is a fellow of the Pacific Coast OB-GYN Society, the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, and a certified practitioner with the North American Menopause Society.

Dr. Mutch is also on staff at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena.

**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 emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” for 2008 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for the fifth consecutive year. For more information, please visit [www.vhhospital.org](http://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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