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**Hospital Laboratory Continues Its Tradition of Clinical Excellence
with Installation of New Equipment**

(GLENDALE, CA – February 15, 2010) – Verdugo Hills Hospital’s (VHH) Clinical Laboratory recently installed two new state-of-the-art Vitros® 5600 clinical analyzers. VHH is the first hospital in the Glendale area to acquire these advanced analyzers.

“These analyzers will be the first Clinical Lab systems to have orders and results integrated with the Hospital's Laboratory Information System (LIS),” said Scott Cameron, Administrative Director of Diagnostic Services at VHH. “They are a generation above our previous analyzers with faster turn-around times and an automated re-test function, if an abnormal result occurs this feature will also reduce the time it takes to get results to the doctors.”

“These analyzers are setting a new benchmark for this technology and have been installed on the Navy's hospital ships and in many prestigious hospitals worldwide,” added Cameron.”

The analyzers, made by the Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics division of Johnson & Johnson Company, utilize a combination of automation and waterless technology to achieve quick and accurate results. These analyzers also work directly with the Laboratory’s information system to facilitate the verification and release of results in the shortest amount of time possible.

The Vitros® 5600 Integrated System has earned two international engineering design awards – one from the Medical Design Excellence Awards Program, which is a premier awards program for the medical technology community, and a second award from the Red Dot Design Program, the largest and most renowned design competition in the world.

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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 an 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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