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## **Two of Prime Healthcare's Hospitals are named Top 100 Hospitals by Thomson Reuters for 2009**

Ontario, California – March 29, 2010 Thomson Reuters announced today that Desert Valley Hospital and Montclair Hospital Medical Center are among the winners of its prestigious Top 100 Hospitals<sup>®</sup> in the Nation award. Desert Valley Hospital, Victorville, CA, is now among an elite group of hospitals who have received this award five times in the category of small community hospitals. Montclair Hospital Medical Center, Montclair, CA. received the award for the first time in the class of medium size community hospitals. Last year, West Anaheim Medical Center, Anaheim, CA. received a Top 100 Hospital award for 2008 in the same category.

The Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospitals<sup>®</sup> National Benchmarks study evaluated hospitals in 10 different performance categories: mortality, medical complications, patient safety, average length of stay, expenses, profitability, patient satisfaction, adherence to clinical standards of care, and post discharge mortality and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia. Thomson Reuters evaluated nearly 3,000 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals. The researchers used public information from Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MedPAR) data, and core measures and patient satisfaction data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data set. After careful analysis Thomson Reuters determined that if all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as did those treated at the winning Top 100 Hospitals<sup>®</sup>, annual expenses would decline by \$5.5 billion, nearly 100,000 more patients would survive annually, about 200,000 patient complications would be avoided and the average patient stay would decrease by one half.

“We are proud that of the three community hospitals that have received this coveted award in California, two are Prime Healthcare’s hospitals” said Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP, Prime Healthcare’s Chairman of the Board, “the staff, nurses and physicians of these hospitals should

be commended for their commitment and dedication in delivering the highest quality of patient care in the most cost-effective manner.” “This year’s study magnified the value that 100 Top Hospital award winners provide to their communities. Even during the economic downturn, the 100 Top Hospitals maintain a profit from operations while raising the bar for clinical quality and patient satisfaction,” said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters. Montclair Hospital Medical Center is honored to receive this prestigious award. Our nurses, physicians and staff have fully embraced the quality initiatives implemented by Prime Healthcare since the hospital was acquired by Prime in 2006, and this is a formal recognition of our constant efforts to provide high quality, cost effective healthcare,” said Gregory Brentano, the Administrator of Montclair Hospital Medical Center.

Recently, Prime Healthcare was also recognized as being a Top 10 Health System in the Nation by Thomson Reuters for 2009. Prime Healthcare is the only for-profit hospital system and the only hospital system west of the Mississippi to receive this esteemed national recognition.

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