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**Woodland Heights Medical Center
Recognized in National Quality Study**

Among Top Five Percent in the Nation, According to HealthGrades

Lufkin, Texas (February 6, 2006) – Woodland Heights Medical Center announced today that it has been named a recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™, based on a study issued by HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings company. Woodland Heights is the only hospital in the Lufkin area to receive this award.

Hospitals receiving the award were rated in the top five percent in the nation, in terms of mortality and complication rates, for 28 procedures and diagnoses evaluated by HealthGrades. Patients treated at Distinguished Hospitals are, on average, 27 percent less likely to face mortality, and 14 percent less likely to suffer from a major complication.

“Quality of care is our top priority at Woodland Heights Medical Center. Providing our patients and families with the best care possible is inherent in our mission, vision, and values,” said Lance Jones, chief executive officer. “Being named as a top hospital in one of the largest healthcare studies in America validates all we have worked for.”

Each year, HealthGrades independently analyzes the clinical quality performance of all nonfederal hospitals across the country in 28 procedures and diagnoses, ranging from cardiac and pulmonary care to orthopedics and gastroenterology. Hospitals that receive the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence are those that rank in the top five percent when all 28 individual scores are aggregated into an overall score. Only 277 U.S. hospitals qualified for this prestigious award in 2006.

In the Distinguished Hospital Study, which looks at tens of millions of hospitalization records over the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, HealthGrades estimates that if all patients went to Distinguished Hospitals, 152,966 lives could have been saved and 21,896 post-operative complications could have been avoided

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“At Woodland Heights Medical Center, we have a skillful and dedicated team of clinicians and employees,” said Jones. “It is because of their hard work that our patients and their families receive quality healthcare that is among the best in the nation.”

About Woodland Heights Medical Center

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin’s first hospital. Now, almost nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. Recognized for its continued excellence in cardiac care, Woodland Heights is a five star rated hospital for the treatment of heart failure. * Additionally, Woodland Heights is ranked in the nation’s top five percent for pulmonary and gastrointestinal care. * Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in other key medical and surgical areas including neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas.

Woodland Heights Medical Center is an affiliate of Triad Hospitals, Inc. (NYSE:TRI), a company that owns and manages 56 hospitals and 16 ambulatory surgery centers in small cities and selected larger urban markets. Woodland Heights’ web site is <http://www.woodlandheights.net>.