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**GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER UNVEILS NEW
CARDIAC CATH LAB AND ADVANCED CT IMAGING SYSTEM**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -February 2011— On February 3, 2011, Good Samaritan Medical Center held a ribbon cutting event for the opening of its new cardiac catheterization (cath) lab and CT diagnostic imaging system. The new cardiac cath lab and CT system boasts advanced technology that will enhance the hospital's level of service in diagnosing and treating heart disease-the leading cause of death for Americans age 35 and older.

"We are proud to unveil our new cardiac cath lab that is equipped with some of the latest interventional cardiovascular imaging technology," said Good Samaritan Medical Center CEO, Mark Nosacka. "This system combined with our new Aquilion[®] 64 CT will allow our physicians to complete a variety of diagnostic and interventional procedures faster, and that means the patient can be on their way to recovery and discharge much sooner."

With the new cardiac cath lab, Good Samaritan Medical Center will conduct minimally invasive procedures to treat a wide range of clinical problems including coronary artery disease – a leading cause of heart disorders in the U.S.

"With this advanced technology we can offer catheter-based procedures- such as diagnostic catheterizations, stenting, and balloon angioplasty- that may reduce the risks and recovery time found in traditional surgical approaches," said Dr. Chauncey Crandall, Medical Director of Interventional Cardiology. "The benefits of catheter-based

interventions include shorter hospital stays, reduced recovery time without the pain of a large incision, and less visible surgical scarring.”

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Specifically, Good Samaritan Medical Center will use the Allura Xper FD10 X-ray system from Philips. This fully digital system enables physicians to capture and view detailed images of a patient’s coronary structure, thereby facilitating faster and more accurate diagnosis and treatment of cardiac disease. Additionally, the system:

- Exposes patients to less radiation during the procedures than some other systems.
- Enables a physician to have better patient access during an exam due to the system’s compact design.
- The Allura’s digital Philips Flat Detector helps to provide outstanding image quality, with less distortion than older imaging technologies. The Flat Detector helps to enhance diagnostic confidence and promotes better visualization during interventional procedures.

In addition to the Allura Xper FD10 X-ray system from Philips, Good Samaritan Medical Center also recently acquired The Aquilion® 64 CT system from Toshiba. The Aquilion 64 can scan any region of the body for injury in just seconds, providing the essential information needed to evaluate patients that present to the ER with possible internal injuries. The system is particularly designed to offer physicians greater cardiovascular diagnostic capabilities while helping some patients avoid more invasive medical procedures. It delivers superior clinical images of the heart with multi-detector imaging technology. This technology captures up to 64 simultaneous anatomical slices of 0.5 mm in a single gantry rotation.

The system will also significantly increase Good Samaritan Medical Center’s exam capacity – which means more patients can receive the treatment they need faster and be referred to surgery or discharged from the hospital. In an emergency room setting, when every second counts, the Aquilion 64 scanner will allow physicians to quickly identify injuries to the internal organs and make a confident diagnosis

About Good Samaritan Medical Center

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital, which has been providing sophisticated, personalized medical care to the populations of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 90 years.

As one of the area's leading cancer centers, the hospital's Cancer Institute provides comprehensive cancer services through the Comprehensive Breast Center, Gamma Knife Radiosurgery, and a Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant Unit. The Surgical Institute offers patients minimally invasive surgical techniques through advanced surgical robotic technology. The hospital also cares for patients with known or suspected cardiovascular diseases through its Cardiac and Vascular Institute. Good Samaritan Medical Center was featured in a special advertisement in the "America's Best Hospitals" 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and SIVER Stroke Award. Certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission, Good Samaritan delivers timely, advanced protocols proven to save the lives and health of stroke patients.

In addition, Good Samaritan is proud to feature "Special Deliveries," its maternity services department. The hospital houses The Newbern Suites, which are private recovery suites that offer quiet relaxation and wonderful amenities. Many additional services are available on the Good Samaritan Medical Center campus through the Sleep Disorders Center, a full-service, 24-hour Emergency Department, and a wide range of diagnostic and surgical outpatient services. Good is also home to The Palms Medical Detoxification, one of a select few hospital-based medically supervised alcohol and drug detoxification centers.

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