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UNIVERSITY GENERAL HOSPITAL EARNS CAP ACCREDITATION

HOUSTON, TX. (JUNE 15, 2007) – University General Hospital’s Laboratory has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The CAP accreditation is based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

“We are pleased and proud to join other CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide,” said Kamran Nezami, president and CEO of University General Hospital Systems. “The CAP recognition follows a recent string of accomplishments and honors by University General Hospital.”

In February, University General Hospital received its Medicare provider number, recognizing the facility as a general acute care hospital, and allowing the hospital to treat and bill for Medicare patients. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) declared University General Hospital “Accredited for all Services Surveyed” without any recommendations for improvement.

Last year, University General Hospital Systems’ CEO and visionary, Kamran Nezami, was featured in the December 11th online and print versions of *Modern Healthcare* magazine in an article titled, “Betting Big on Doc Ownership.”

The hospital system signed a \$1 Billion US Dollar agreement on December 1, 2006 with Charlotte, NC-based Alliance Development Group to jointly develop ten physician-owned acute-care hospital facilities across the country.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program began in the early 1960’s and is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s inspection program. During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratories records and quality control procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff’s qualifications, the laboratory’s equipment, facilities, safety program and record as well as the overall management of the laboratory.

This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

About University General Hospital

University General Hospital - Houston Fannin location, is a 72-bed licensed general acute care facility built on the principles of clinical excellence and five-star service. Further information about University General Hospital – Houston Fannin location may be found online at www.universitygeneralhospital.com.

About University General Hospital Systems

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, University General Hospital Systems is a national healthcare system that provides the highest quality and cost effective medical services available within a five-star environment. By partnering with leading vendors, world-renowned physicians, and top professionals in the healthcare industry, University General Hospital Systems will be placing additional five-star, physician-owned acute-care facilities in key markets across the United States. Further information about University General Hospital Systems may be found online at www.universitygeneralhospitalssystem.com.