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## **Los Alamitos Medical Center AWARDED CERTIFICATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

**Los Alamitos, CA – March 2009** – Los Alamitos Medical Center’s (LAMC) Coronary Artery Disease program has earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality. The Joint Commission awarded LAMC Disease-Specific Care Certification for Coronary Artery Disease (CAD).

To earn this distinction, a disease management program undergoes an extensive, unannounced, on-site evaluation by a team of Joint Commission reviewers every two years. The program is evaluated against Joint Commission standards through an assessment of a program’s processes, the program’s ability to evaluate and improve care within its own organization, and interviews with patients and staff.

“This certification means Los Alamitos Medical Center does the right things and does them well for CAD patients,” says Jean E. Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q., executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

“LAMC voluntarily pursued this comprehensive, independent evaluation to enhance the safety and quality of care we provide,” says Lynne Downing, RN, CCRN Director of Clinical Care. “We’re proud to achieve this distinction.”

The Joint Commission launched its Disease-Specific Care Certification program in 2002. It is the first program of its kind in the country to certify disease management programs. A list of programs certified by the Joint Commission is available at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

Los Alamitos Medical Center is also recognized by The Joint Commission for their stroke program. For more information on the CAD or stroke program, contact Lynne Downing at 562.799.3104.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about the Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

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#### **ABOUT LOS ALAMITOS MEDICAL CENTER**

Los Alamitos Medical Center, part of Tenet California, is a 167-bed acute care hospital located at 3751 Katella Ave in Los Alamitos. Opened in 1968, the medical center offers a wide range of programs for families and seniors. Medical services include a 24-hour emergency department, Birthing Center; cardiology, including a cardiac catheterization/angiography suite; oncology; respiratory; an on-site laboratory; MRI and open MRI; CT Scan; PET Scan; physical therapy; secured geropsychiatry unit, and others, in addition to educational lectures and support groups. The hospital is part of an integrated medical campus that includes three medical office buildings, TotalCare, a dedicated outpatient diagnostic facility; and a Health Care Center located within the Seal Beach Leisure World community. The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. The hospital's cancer program is accredited by the American College of Surgeons and its emergency department is a designated Cardiovascular Receiving Center. To learn more about Los Alamitos Medical Center, visit [www.losalamitosmedctr.com](http://www.losalamitosmedctr.com).