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**Verdugo Hills Hospital**  
**Awarded Accreditation from the Joint Commission**

(GLENDALE, CA – March 24, 2009) – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) has earned accreditation for another three years.

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of VHH on October 28-30, 2008. The accreditation award recognizes VHH's dedication to complying with the Joint Commission's quality and safety standards on a continuous basis.

“Joint Commission accreditation is key to demonstrating Verdugo Hills Hospital's commitment to quality and safe patient care to our community, physicians, employees and volunteers,” said Mark Lueken, Director of Quality & Risk Management at VHH. “The surveyors were also impressed with the cleanliness of our facility and the friendliness of our staff.”

“This accreditation is recognition of our staff's daily commitment to provide safe, highly competent medical care with compassion and professionalism,” said Len LaBella, VHH CEO and President.

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 more than 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.

**About the Hospital:**

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit [www.vhhospital.org](http://www.vhhospital.org). For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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