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**UNIVERSITY GENERAL HOSPITAL-HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER
OPENS ITS DOORS AND SETS A NEW STANDARD IN HEALTHCARE IN THE U.S.**

(HOUSTON) Oct. 12, 2006 – On September 27, 2006, University Hospital Systems opened the doors to University General Hospital-Houston Medical Center, a new, 72-bed, physician-owned acute care hospital located at 7501 Fannin Street, just south of the Texas Medical Center.

University General Hospital-Houston Medical Center features the latest advances in medical technology and five-star service associated with luxury hotels. The facility was designed from the ground up to suit the most exacting requirements of surgical procedures and medical treatments, all while pampering patients and families with an inviting environment that encourages relaxation and healing.

“We are dedicated to providing the highest quality and cost-effective healthcare services to the communities we serve,” said Kamran Nezami, CEO and chairman of University Hospital Systems and founder of University General Hospital-Houston Medical Center. “Our goal is to create a healing environment where patients and their families experience excellence in every aspect of their stay with us.”

University General Hospital-Houston Medical Center is home to Houston’s largest operating rooms, each equipped with voice command, Stryker booms, and an integrated communications system that connects surgical suites, lab, pathology, nurses’ stations, and physicians’ lounge. In addition, University General Hospital-Houston Medical Center boasts a 4100 catheterization lab, the only one of its kind in the greater Houston metropolitan area.

Each patient room is equipped with complimentary high-speed wireless Internet, flat screen panel TV, original artwork and designer décor, and room service is available 24-hours a day. An on-site concierge can assist patients’ families with dining needs, in-town transportation, hotel accommodations, ordering floral arrangements, rental cars, and information on local cultural events.

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.