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LINCOLN HOSPITAL'S CANCER CENTER RECEIVES
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FROM AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS COMMISSION ON CANCER

Bronx, New York - Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center announced today that its Cancer Center has achieved the highest level of recognition from the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer, receiving a three year accreditation as well as the 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award.

The multidisciplinary Cancer Center, headed by Niyati Bhagwati, M.D., obtained six commendations for effectively fulfilling six standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program. According to the Commission on Cancer, only 18% or 82 out of 432 cancer programs surveyed in 2009 received Outstanding Achievement Awards.

A facility receives the Outstanding Achievement Award after undergoing a survey that demonstrates compliance with six standards that include outstanding cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, research, community outreach, prevention and early detection and quality improvement.

"Receipt of this award is evidence of Lincoln Hospital's solid commitment to excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients," said José R. Sánchez, Executive Director and Sr. Vice President of Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network. "I am very proud of each and every member of the multidisciplinary team that incorporates an array of specialties, including medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgery, radiology and nursing as well as experts in the areas of social services, nutrition, rehabilitation, pathology, genetics, pastoral care and community outreach."

Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, located at 234 E. 149th Street in The Bronx, is a 347-bed, acute care level 1 trauma center with the busiest single site emergency department in the region. The hospital emphasizes primary care and specialty medicine and utilizes the latest advances in medical science. Lincoln Hospital is a member of the Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network, a healthcare conglomerate which is part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is a $6.3 billion integrated healthcare delivery system and the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country. HHC serves 1.3 million New Yorkers every year and nearly 450,000 who are uninsured. HHC provides medical, mental health and substance abuse services through its 11 acute care hospitals, four skilled nursing facilities, six large diagnostic and treatment centers and more than 80 community based clinics. HHC Health and Home Care also provide health services at home for New Yorkers. To learn more about HHC, visit www.nyc.gov/hhc.

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