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Amerinet Announces Healthcare Achievement Award Winners

St. Louis (March 5, 2009)-Amerinet, a leading healthcare group purchasing organization, today announced the winners of the first-ever Amerinet Healthcare Achievement Awards. The awards celebrate Amerinet member excellence, honoring those who truly excel in reducing healthcare costs and improving healthcare quality.

“We congratulate the winners of the Amerinet Healthcare Achievement Awards, recognizing the dedication and commitment of our membership to reach their missions by creating and successfully implementing efficiencies in operations and in enhancing patient care delivery,” said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO.

Member performance was recognized in areas including financial and operational improvements, quality/patient care delivery, supply chain/data management and community impact.

The awards were open to both acute care and alternate care sites. Facility categories included acute care facilities under 300 beds, acute care facilities over 300 beds, IDN and critical access hospitals. In the alternate care sector, categories included surgery centers, long term care facilities, physician offices and clinics.

A total of 21 winners, 12 acute care and nine alternate care sites were recognized. Winners will be honored at the 2009 Amerinet Member Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. on May 5, 2009.

The list of honorees includes:

Acute care facilities:

- Bigfork Valley Hospital and Communities, Bigfork, Minn.
- Freeman Health System, Joplin, Mo.
- Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro, Ill.
- Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Pa.
- Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center, Houma, La.
- Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, N.H.
- Northern Arizona Healthcare - Flagstaff Medical Center/Verde Valley Medical Center, Flagstaff, Ariz.
- Olympic Medical Center, Port Angeles, Wash. (2 awards)
- Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, Ore.
- Skagit Valley Hospital, Mount Vernon, Wash.
- St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.

Alternate care sites:

- Adena Health System, Chillicothe, Ohio
- Adena Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, Chillicothe, Ohio
- Columbus Cardiology Associates, Columbus, Ga.
- Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra, Pa.
- New Lexington Clinic, Lexington, Ky. (2 awards)
- Northern Star Alliance, Bigfork, Minn.
- Treasure Coast Hospice, Stuart, Fla.
- WIL Research Laboratories, Ashland, Ohio

About Amerinet

As a leading national group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with healthcare providers to reduce costs and improve quality. Through its Total Spend Management solutions and operational performance improvement programs, tools and services, Amerinet assists members in their efforts to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and create new revenue streams. Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet offers a comprehensive portfolio of product and service contracts to address members' specific needs. Based in St. Louis with offices in Salt Lake City, Providence, R.I. and Warrendale, Pa. Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.amerinet-gpo.com.