

PORTLAND ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE DECLARED IN COMPLIANCE

*Hospital Provided Appropriate Emergency Care in February Incident;
Complied with EMTALA*

Portland, Ore. – March 30, 2011 – [Adventist Medical Center \(AMC\)](#) has been found in compliance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which found no deficiencies at the hospital. CMS surveyed AMC, a nonprofit 302-bed acute-care faith-based hospital in southeast Portland, Ore., six weeks ago because of concerns raised that the hospital could have provided more appropriate care surrounding the death of a patient in its parking garage.

“After questions were raised about the response to the incident on February 10, I asked for an investigation by the appropriate federal agencies. I am pleased that CMS has completed its investigation and found that Adventist was in full compliance with federal laws and regulations. I am also pleased that the senior executive team at Adventist took this event seriously and has worked with hospital staff to reinforce their policies and procedures,” said U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer, who initially called for the federal investigation.

“The CMS findings reflect the facts that we have known all along: that our care givers responded immediately to try and save this victim upon report of the accident, despite the unfortunate outcome,” said Thomas Russell, president and chief executive officer of AMC. “We will continue to meet the medical needs of our community in every way possible as we work together with the Portland Police Bureau, Portland Fire Department and Emergency Medical Technicians.”

Representatives from the Oregon Department of Health conducted a four-day survey at the request of CMS, reviewing AMC’s policies and procedures, interviewing staff and reviewing Emergency Department medical records and charts. The EMTALA compliance reinforces AMC’s commitment to providing compassionate, quality care for all its patients.

About Adventist Medical Center-Portland

[Adventist Medical Center \(AMC\)](#), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. AMC is a member of Adventist Health, headquartered in Roseville, Calif. The organization represents regional delivery networks spanning California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

Adventist Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a not-for-profit, faith-based health care system operating in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on the Seventh-day Adventist heritage of Christian health care, Adventist Health is comprised of 17 hospitals with more than 2,600 beds, approximately 18,600 employees, numerous clinics and outpatient facilities, the largest system of rural health clinics in California with additional sites in Oregon and Washington, 14 home care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. For more information, visit www.adventisthealthnw.com or www.adventisthealth.org.

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