

## **NMMC AWARDED CARDIAC SPECIALTY CENTER DESIGNATION**

TUPELO, Miss.—North Mississippi Medical Center has been designated a UnitedHealth Premium Cardiac Specialty Center through 2009. This designation means that NMMC has met rigorous quality criteria based on nationally recognized medical standards and expert advice.

UnitedHealthcare developed the UnitedHealth Premium Specialty Center designation program to give its members information about, and access to, cardiac hospitals meeting rigorous quality criteria. The designation is based on detailed information about specialized training, practice capabilities and proficiencies that is designed to help consumers make informed decisions about where to seek cardiac care.

“The UnitedHealth Premium designation means that our patients can depend on North Mississippi Medical Center’s Heart Institute for conscientious, reliable cardiac care,” said George Hand, administrator for NMMC’s cardiac services.

NMMC’s Heart Institute, located on the second and third floors of the East Tower, is home to four state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization labs, as well as labs for echocardiography, electrophysiology and nuclear studies. NMMC’s Heart Institute offers advanced cardiac treatment procedures such as balloon dilation, stent implantation, pacemakers, atherectomy, valve replacement and open heart surgery. The Heart Institute also offers cardiac pulmonary rehabilitation services to help patients rebound physically and emotionally from cardiac and lung disease.

For more information about heart disease or services available through the NMMC Heart Institute, call 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).