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Redbud Community Hospital Physician Elected Clinician of the Year

Clearlake, CA — The California Thoracic Society honored John E. Hodgkin, M.D., pulmonologist and critical care specialist, as Clinician of the Year later in May. The award, which recognizes outstanding clinicians, will be given at the annual meeting of the American Thoracic Society.

Dr. Hodgkin, medical director of the pulmonary rehabilitation program at Redbud Community Hospital, completed medical school and residency training at Loma Linda University. Following that, he served in the army (Bronze Award in Vietnam), and completed a Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at Mayo Clinic, after which he spent ten years on the faculty at Loma Linda University.

During his time on the Loma Linda faculty, he served as Chief of the Pulmonary/Critical Care Section and the Medical Director of Pulmonary Rehabilitation. In 1983 he moved to private pulmonary practice in the Napa Valley and served as Medical Director of Respiratory Care and Pulmonary Rehabilitation at St. Helena Hospital.

Despite his full-time clinical practice, Dr. Hodgkin continues to provide service and leadership in the pulmonary community, serving in many capacities within national organizations. Dr. Hodgkin is probably best known as one of the “founding fathers” of pulmonary rehabilitation, founding the pulmonary rehabilitation programs at both Redbud Community and St. Helena Hospitals.

Dr. Hodgkin is a master diagnostician with the ability to synthesize massive amounts of patient information with the knowledge and wisdom of an amazing intellect and strong intuition. This combination results in a creative and innovative approach to patient care. Dr. Hodgkin has touched many patients’ lives in rehabilitation, in the ambulatory clinic, in intensive care unit and at the end of life.

Overall, Dr. Hodgkin exemplifies an outstanding pulmonary clinician who has dedicated his life to the practice of pulmonary medicine, and to serving his community.

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Redbud Community Hospital, a member of Adventist Health, is a 25-bed acute care hospital located in Clearlake, California. It is staffed by approximately 360 employees and 62 affiliated physicians and volunteers. Redbud’s services include 24-hour emergency care, an Intensive Care Unit, OB/GYN, pediatric, radiology, cardiopulmonary clinics, surgery, rehabilitation, home care and a rural health clinic system. Redbud is proud to partner with St. Helena Hospital, ranked as one of the Top 100 cardiovascular hospitals in California. Together they coordinate heart care, including diagnostic, medical, surgical, and rehabilitation services.

Adventist Health is a not-for-profit health system operating in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on the Seventh-day Adventist legacy of Christian health care, Adventist Health is comprised of 20 hospitals with more than 3,100 beds, 18,300 employees, numerous clinics and outpatient facilities, 16 home care agencies and three joint-venture retirement centers. For more information, visit www.redbudhospital.org.