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### Plymouth Health announces purchase of Alvarado Hospital Medical Center

By: North County Times wire services -

SAN DIEGO - A physician-owned company announced today it is purchasing Alvarado Hospital Medical Center from Tenet Healthcare Corp.

Plymouth Health plans to continue operating the hospital as an acute care facility, maintain its 24-hour emergency room services and offer "employment to substantially all current employees in good standing."

"We feel we can now put to rest any uncertainty about the hospital's future," said Dr. Pejman Salimpour, who, along with his brother Dr. Pedram Salimpour, are the two principals of Plymouth Health.

Pejman Salimpour is a professor of clinical pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine and was formerly the clinical chief of pediatrics at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Pedram Salimpour serves is on the board of the UCLA School of Public Health and is president-elect of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

They also own the health care technology company CareNex Health Services.

Plymouth Health did not disclose the financial terms of the transaction, which is scheduled to be finalized in 60 to 90 days.

Tenet Healthcare agreed in May to to either sell or close down the 311- bed College Area hospital to settle a federal criminal case that involved allegations of illegal kickbacks to doctors.