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**AMPUTEE TRANSCONTINENTAL BIKE RIDE
ARRIVES AT YUMA REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**

Yuma, AZ – Amputees Across America, a group of amputees making a transcontinental bike ride, will arrive at HealthSouth Yuma Rehabilitation Hospital at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 4, 2010. A welcome reception will be held in honor of the cyclists who are riding in relays across the United States and visiting hospitals to increase public awareness of amputees as people with active lifestyles.

While in Yuma, Amputees Across America members, Dick Fate, John Cool and Abel Cruz will visit Yuma Rehabilitation Hospital patients and members of amputee support group to share stories of overcoming their amputation to live healthy, fulfilling lives. The public and press are welcome to ride to the hospital with the Amputees Across America by meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 310 N. Madison Ave. (928-783-1500) near the Ocean to Ocean Bridge. Upon arrival, local dignitaries will be present for a City proclamation by the Mayor.

“We are delighted to host Amputees Across America at our hospital,” says Steve Smith, Yuma Rehabilitation Hospital chief executive officer. “This visit provides an excellent opportunity for our patients as well as our community to see first hand that no physical disability should keep anyone from living an active lifestyle.”

This is the ninth year AAA has made a cross-country journey. The riders will depart on June 2, 2010 from HealthSouth Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital in California. To reach their final destination at HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla., on July 26, 2010, the group will travel 3,500 miles and stop at 20 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospitals in less than 60 days. For more information about this year’s journey and the riders who make it possible, visit www.yumarehabhospital.com.

Yuma Rehabilitation Hospital is a 41-bed inpatient hospital that provides a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injury, amputations and orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions. Accredited by The Joint Commission, the hospital is located at 901 West 24th St.

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