

★ San Francisco VA Medical Center ★

The San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) is renowned for its state-of-the-art acute medical, neurological, surgical and psychiatric care. The Medical Center has 124 operating beds and a 120-bed Nursing Home Care Unit. Primary and mental health care is provided at community based outpatient clinics in: Santa Rosa, Eureka, Ukiah, and San Bruno. There is a specialized homeless veterans clinic in downtown San Francisco.

SFVAMC has five National Centers of Excellence. They include: The Center of Excellence for Epilepsy Treatment; Cardiac Surgery; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; HIV; and Renal Dialysis. It has many other nationally recognized programs including: the Parkinson's Disease Research, Education, and Clinical Center, The Hepatitis C Research and Education Center, the Mental Illness Research & Education Clinical Center, and the Western Pacemaker and AICD Surveillance Program.

SFVAMC has the largest funded research programs in the Veterans Health Administration with \$78 million annual research budget. Areas of particular interest are: prostate cancer, aging, oncology, hypertension, stroke, cardiovascular disease, Hepatitis C, breast cancer, PTSD, substance abuse, neuroscience disease, health services research, and advanced medical imaging. The Medical Center has three Medical Science Research Enhancement Award Programs (REAP) in neurology research, prostate cancer, and bone research; and one HSR&D REAP in aging research. It is one of the few medical centers in the world equipped for studies using both whole-body magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and spectroscopy, and is the site of VA's National Center for the Imaging of Neurodegenerative Diseases.

In 1988, the Northern California Institute of Research and Education (NCIRE), a private, non-profit, research corporation, was founded on the San Francisco VA Medical Center grounds to administer VA-approved research and related education funding.

The Medical Center has been affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Medicine for nearly 40 years. All physicians are jointly recruited by SFVAMC and UCSF School of Medicine. SFVAMC has 153 residency and fellow positions and 40 allied health professionals. More than 700 UCSF trainees from 34



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Areas Served: Veterans in the counties of: Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, San Francisco and San Mateo.

Medical School Affiliation: Affiliated with the University of California San Francisco - Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy. There are 153 Residency and Fellow positions; 40 allied health professionals. 740 UCSF trainees from 34 programs rotate through SFVAMC.

Research: Largest funded research program in the VA. 225 M.D. and PhD Principal Investigators. Three Medical Science Research Enhancement Award Programs (REAP) in neurology research, prostate cancer, and bone research. 1 HSR&D in aging research.

Operating Budget	\$390 million
Research Budget	\$78 million

Operating Beds	124
Nursing Home Beds	120

Unique Patients	52,507
Outpatient Visits	425,144
Inpatient Visits	5,549

Employees	1,830
Volunteers	622

[Figures are FY 2008]