

# ★ San Francisco VA Medical Center ★

**E**stablished in 1934, the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) has a long history of conducting cutting edge research, establishing innovative medical programs, and providing compassionate care to Veterans. The Medical Center has 104 operating beds and a 120-bed Community Living Center. Primary and mental health care is provided at outpatient clinics in: Clearlake, Santa Rosa, Eureka, Ukiah, and San Bruno. There is a specialized homeless veterans clinic in downtown San Francisco.

SFVAMC has several National Centers of Excellence in the areas of 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. The Medical Center was selected to head the Southwest Regional Epilepsy Center of Excellence. This Center provides epilepsy care, supports the training and educational needs of the network, and manages a VA epilepsy registry. It has recently been designated as one of only five VA Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education and selected as a Community Resource and Referral Center, one of only 12 locations designed to serve homeless and at-risk for homeless Veterans and their families.

SFVAMC has the largest funded research program in the Veterans Health Administration with \$87 million in research expenditures. Areas of particular interest are: prostate cancer, aging, oncology, cardiovascular disease, Hepatitis C, breast cancer, PTSD, substance abuse, neurological diseases, health services research, and advanced medical imaging. The Medical Center 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.

The Medical Center has been affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Medicine for nearly 50 years. All physicians are jointly recruited by SFVAMC and UCSF School of Medicine. SFVAMC has 189.2 residency and fellow positions and 40 allied health professionals. Annually, more than 700 UCSF trainees from 36 programs rotate through the Medical Center.



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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 178 Residency and Fellow positions; 40 allied health professionals. More than 700 UCSF trainees from 34 programs rotate through SFVAMC.

**Operating Budget** \$452 million

**Research Budget** \$87 million

**Operating Beds** 124

**Nursing Home Beds** 120

**Unique Patients** 56,559

**Outpatient Visits** 465,110

**Inpatient Visits** 5,602

**Employees** 2,010

**Volunteers** 900

*[Figures are FY 2010]*