

# San Francisco VA Health Care System

## Accomplishments

- Home of Centers of Excellence for Epilepsy Treatment, Cardiac Surgery, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, HIV, Renal Dialysis, and Primary Care Education. Home to the Southwest Regional Epilepsy Center of Excellence.
- Nationally recognized programs include: Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center; Hepatitis C Research and Education Center; Mental Illness Research & Education Clinical Center, and VA Pacemaker and AICD Surveillance Program.
- Number one research program in the VA with over \$70 million in expenditures for FY '15.
- Established partnership with City College of San Francisco and College of the Redwoods to have a full-time presence on campus, providing mental health and VA outreach to Veterans.
- Developed a Veterans Justice Outreach Program, including active outreach with San Francisco's Courts (Collaborative, Reentry, Drug, and Behavioral Health) and outreach with Marin County Jail. Collaborated with the San Francisco Superior Court, Department of Public Health, and community-based services agencies to open a Veterans Justice Court (VJC). Developed Justice Clinics at the VA Downtown Clinic, Santa Rosa VA Clinic and VA Medical Center to help reduce recidivism back into the criminal justice system and provide an effective alternative to incarceration.
- Extensive tele-health program providing consultative services for: arthritis, cardiology, chest/pulmonary, diabetes education, GI, general surgery, liver, mental health, metabolism, neurosurgery, rehab medicine, renal, vascular surgery, speech pathology, TBI, and nutrition. Expanded to provide telehealth care to Veterans with Parkinson's disease living at the State Veterans Home in Yountville.
- Established a Neurointerventional Service which conducts minimally invasive neurointerventional procedures, which are considered the highest standard of care for brain aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, stroke, atherosclerosis and vascular and neoplastic disorders.
- First VA Medical Center to perform MRI-guided deep brain stimulation surgery.
- One of only a few VA Medical Centers performing state-of-the-art transcatheter aortic valve replacement surgeries.
- Selected as a pilot site for the VA Innovators Network.
- Collaborated with the City of San Francisco Department of Housing and Urban Development, the San Francisco Housing Authority, the Human Services Agency, Swords to Plowshares, and Homes for Heroes to provide housing for over 120 chronically homeless Veterans in a renovated former hotel in downtown San Francisco.