



California's Essential Public Hospitals

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California's 19 public hospitals are a cornerstone of the state's health care system, providing care to 2.5 million Californians each year. We make up just 6% of all hospitals statewide — but we deliver critical services that help keep all California residents healthy.

We Deliver Lifesaving Trauma and Burn Care

- Public hospitals operate **more than half** of California's top-level trauma centers — state-of-the-art emergency medical units that treat a community's most catastrophic, life-threatening injuries. Trauma centers boast sophisticated equipment and multi-disciplinary medical teams, and play a crucial role in disaster preparedness systems.
- Public hospitals operate **almost half** of California's burn centers — expert systems of care that specialize in severe burn injuries, helping to ensure the best possible outcomes for their patients.

We Are Comprehensive Health Care Delivery Systems

- Public hospitals deliver **10 million** outpatient visits every year. We are the primary and specialty care provider for thousands of low-income Californians, allowing us to offer **less episodic** and **more comprehensive** care that results in healthier outcomes and fewer emergency visits.
- Public hospitals provide **cutting-edge care** for chronic conditions — such as team-based diabetes programs in outpatient clinics that deliver results far above national averages.
- Public hospitals are **nationally recognized leaders** in programs that reduce medication errors and improve patient safety and quality of care.
- We are **innovators** in delivering culturally competent care to a diverse patient population.

We Prepare the Next Generation of California's Medical Professionals

- Public hospital medical education programs train **43%** of all new doctors in California.
- Our programs also train a **broad range** of important allied health professionals — including nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, emergency medical staff, dietitians, speech/occupational/physical therapists, and lab technicians.

We Are California's Health Care Safety Net

- **More than 8 in 10** Californians live in counties with public hospitals — and we deliver **nearly half** of all hospital care to California's 6.7 million uninsured residents.