**UC San Diego**

# Leading-Edge Health Care
## BETTER TOGETHER: UC SAN DIEGO AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*As the top-ranked hospital in San Diego, and the only academic health system in the region, UC San Diego Health embraces our responsibilities to maintain the health of our community, to train compassionate physician-scientists and to drive breakthroughs in health care. Here, we combine education, exploration and clinical expertise to deliver an unparalleled patient experience to a growing number of patients.*

## Caring for Our Community

UC San Diego has always pursued new discoveries and breakthroughs with the potential to improve health. Since 1966, when we assumed the lease of the former County Hospital and began operating what is now known as UC San Diego Medical Center — Hillcrest, we've focused our strengths in innovation and outside-of-the-box thinking on the health and well-being of our community.

In 1968, UC San Diego School of Medicine graduated its first class of 48 students — physician-scientists who received a revolutionary, hands-on education — and ever since, we've been finding new ways to bring fresh insights and nonconventional ideas to the way we think about health care and education. And that approach has paid off.

- » 10 top-ranked health care specialties ensure that San Diego residents have access to leading-edge care right here.
- » We are home to the region's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the area's only Regional Burn Center, and one of two regional Adult Level I Trauma Centers.
- » Our campus is home to one of only five Comprehensive Stroke Centers in the nation — and the first in San Diego County
- » UC San Diego Health schedules more than 854,000 total outpatient appointments annually.
- » UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest is among the top 10 percent of teaching hospitals for patient safety and quality, and the only UC hospital to earn this recognition.

## Investing in Our Community's Health

UC San Diego Health has been part of the fabric of our region for more than half a century as a destination for leading-edge clinical care, a place where top physicians train, and a research hub that translates laboratory discoveries into patient treatments. As a result, we provide some of the most specialized care in the world directly to our neighbors from across the region. We are determined that no one in San Diego should have to travel out of the county to receive the very best care, and thanks to clinical trials and nationally ranked medical specialties at UC San Diego Health, they don't have to.

### #1 in San Diego
UC San Diego Health was ranked no.1 in San Diego and no. 5 in the state (U.S. News & World Report)

### $476 million+
In charity care and other community benefits provided by UC San Diego Health

### Top 25 in the nation
UC San Diego School of Medicine was named 19th in the U.S. among research-intensive programs and 5th among public schools (U.S. News & World Report's 2022 Best Graduate Schools rankings)

### 250
Average number of new clinical trials initiated each year at UC San Diego Health

### 1st
UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was the first public school of pharmacy in Southern California