An academic health system dedicated to improving the lives of all people living in California

University of California Health (UCH) comprises six academic health centers, 20 health professional schools, a Global Health Institute and systemwide services that improve the health of the University’s students, faculty and employees.

UCH hospitals are ranked among the best in California and its long-established health professional schools are nationally ranked in their respective areas.

Goals
UCH is a data-driven health care organization committed to improving the human condition through high-quality patient care, training the health professionals of the future and conducting ground-breaking research that leads to new treatments and cures. These efforts are dedicated to:
• Improving the health of all people living in California now and in the future;
• Promoting health equity through the elimination of health disparities; and,
• Reducing barriers to access to our clinical, education, and research programs by creating more inclusive opportunities.

Core Values
UCH’s actions are rooted in its public service focus and built upon the core values of accountability, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, excellence, integrity, innovation and being mission-driven.

UCH BY THE NUMBERS
(FY 2019-20)

1.8M unique patients
8.2M outpatient visits
1.1M inpatient days
~15,000 health students and residents
6 academic health centers
69% Medi-Cal & Medicare patients
$1.4B net community benefit
20 health professional schools
4,492 clinical trials
PATIENT CARE
UCH includes six academic health centers (AHCs), five of which own or operate their hospitals, and one that leverages community hospitals to deliver care. UC Davis Health, UCI Health, UCLA Health, UC San Diego Health and UCSF Health own or operate hospitals. UC Riverside Health provides clinical care through community facilities, along with owned or operated clinics. The hospitals and clinics are supported almost entirely by reimbursement for clinical services paid by Medi-Cal (Medicaid), Medicare, and commercial payers. View the Medical Centers’ Annual Report here.

DELIVERING FOR INPATIENTS & OUTPATIENTS
(FY 2019-20)

162,318
total admissions

5,177,935
hospital outpatient visits

3,927
operated hospital beds

2,970,267
schools of medicine outpatient visits

2,874
average daily census

349,074
emergency room visits

6.5 days
average length of stay

CARING FOR THE MOST COMPLEX CASES
The case mix index measures the clinical complexity of cases and corresponding resource needs. Higher CMI figures indicate more complex and resource intensive cases.¹ Patients at UCH hospitals tend to have notably higher CMIs than patients at private non-profit or private for-profit hospitals.² CMIs cannot be averaged across system.

¹ https://healthdata.gov/dataset/case-mix-index
² https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/case-mix-index/resource/3edf8730-7dbb-4a48-bae5-ee66929c44f7
³ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3931432/
SERVING ALL CALIFORNIANS
UCH’s academic health centers reported operating revenue of $14.2 billion in FY 2019-20. UCH is one of the largest providers of care to Medi-Cal enrollees despite representing less than 6 percent of the 74,180 non-federal, short-term, acute care hospital beds in California.¹

SYSTEMWIDE HEALTH DATA WAREHOUSE
UCH includes the University of California Health Data Warehouse (UCHDW), a unique data asset created by electronic health records (EHR) from our six academic health centers as well as claims data from UC’s self-funded health plans and external sources of data such as Vizient and California’s Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

The UCHDW currently holds modern data on over six million patients seen at a UC facility since 2012. These patients received care from nearly 150,000 health care providers in over 200 million encounters, with over 600 million diagnosis records, with over 400 million procedures, more than 600 million medication records, and with over two billion vital signs measurements and test results. Over 650,000 of these patients are primary care patients. UCH uses clinical data in a safe, respectful way to optimally treat patients with key diseases and conditions, including a set specifically to accelerate research and care for patients with COVID-19.

RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE
UCH hospitals are among the top 11 in California for 2020-21, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.²

¹ https://www.ahd.com/states/hospital_CA.html
EDUCATING THE HEALTH WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE
UCH operates the largest health sciences instructional program in the nation, enrolling approximately 15,000 health sciences students/trainees/residents across 20 schools at seven campuses.

UCH is one of the principal sources for California’s future health care workforce as the state’s population grows, ages, and becomes ever more diverse. Based on historical patterns, approximately 61 percent of medical residents and 72 percent of UCH health science students remain in the state after completing UC training or education. Learn more about UC health professional schools here.

RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
UCH has 20 health professional schools, and its long-standing programs are ranked by U.S. News & World Report as among the best in the country.¹

UC Berkeley
#9 Graduate School of Public Health (tie)

UC Davis
#1 Veterinary Medicine School
#7 Medical School – Primary Care*
#23 Graduate School of Public Health (tie)
#40 Medical School – Research*

UC Irvine
#37 Graduate School of Public Health (tie)
#44 Medical School – Research*
#51 Nursing School – Masters (tie)*
#81 Medical School – Primary Care*

UCLA
#6 Medical School – Research (tie)*
#11 Medical School – Primary Care*
#11 Graduate School of Public Health
#20 Nursing School - Masters

UC Riverside
#91 Medical School – Research (tie)*
#92 Medical School – Primary Care (tie)*

UC San Diego
#18 Pharmacy School
#21 Medical School – Research (tie)*
#26 Medical School – Primary Care (tie)*

UCSF
#2 Medical School – Primary Care (tie)*
#2 Pharmacy School
#6 Medical School – Research (tie)*
#11 Nursing School – Masters (tie)*

COMMITTED TO CALIFORNIA’S UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
One example of UCH’s work to improve care in underserved areas is UC PRIME (Programs in Medical Education), a unique program at UCH medical schools that supplements standard medical students training with additional curriculum tailored to meet the needs of various underserved populations. Each program has a dedicated area of focus, such as rural health care and telemedicine, leadership and advocacy, urban underserved populations, Latinx health and health equity.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

RESEARCH
UC’s research efforts in health occur at academic health centers, health professional schools and UC campuses. These efforts have real-world applications that prevent and cure diseases, create new technologies for diagnosing and treating illnesses, and provide new strategies for staying healthy. Beyond billions in federal and philanthropic dollars invested in the state through research contracts and grants, UC’s contributions to the prevention and treatment of chronic medical conditions such as asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes help improve health outcomes, achieve savings and support economic productivity.

In FY 2019-20, one in seven grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) went to UC and UCH in addition to research grants from private and philanthropic sources.

CLINICAL TRIALS
UCH locations are involved in 4,492 clinical trials as of December 2020, including work in the areas of:

Source: https://clinicaltrials.ucbraid.org/, 12/16/20
LEADERSHIP
Dr. Carrie L. Byington is the executive vice president (EVP) for the University of California’s health enterprise and a professor of Pediatrics at the UCSF. In her role as EVP, Dr. Byington manages the country’s largest public academic health care system. As the first Mexican-American woman in the United States to have served in a number of leadership roles in academic medicine, she emphasizes inclusion as a prerequisite for organizational excellence. View her full biography and updates on COVID-19 here.

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- https://www.ucop.edu/uc-health/index.html
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