University of California’s health system is committed to protecting and improving the health of all people across California, serving as a model for the nation and the world. Work towards this vision happens across the state by delivering high-quality care, training the next generation of health care professionals and discovering new treatments and cures through research – all in support of UC’s tripartite mission: teaching, research and public service.

UC Health At A Glance

UC Health is one of the largest public academic health systems in the nation. It comprises six academic health centers, 21 health professional schools, a Global Health Institute and systemwide health care services for UC employees and students.

Training California’s health care workforce

UC Health has one of the largest health professional instructional programs in the nation, spanning 7 health professions.

16,150 health professional students and residents

50% of first-year UC medical students are from underrepresented backgrounds

69% of UC-trained physicians remain in California – the highest in the country

21 health professional schools

UC Programs in Medical Education (PRIME)

UC PRIME is an innovative training curriculum, focusing on meeting the needs of underserved communities and addressing California’s workforce shortages. Approximately 84 percent of UC PRIME students across the 10 programs are from groups underrepresented in medicine, and many are first-generation college students.
Providing high-quality care to all Californians

UC academic health centers care for patient’s every day health needs, as well as those with the most complex cases. UC Health locations provide health care services and capabilities that cannot be found at other health care providers in the state or are very limited in availability, like cancer, burn, transplant and trauma care. UC Davis Health, UCI Health, UCLA Health, UC San Diego Health and UCSF Health own and operate hospitals. UCR Health provides clinical care through community facilities, along with owned and operated clinics.

UC Health’s not-for-profit academic health centers must generate their revenues through reimbursement for care delivered. These funds cover the costs of clinical operations, provide financial support to UC academic programs and subsidize care for vulnerable and underinsured Californians. In total, 72% of inpatient days are for people covered by Medi-Cal or Medicare. In FY2021-22, UC Health delivered $4.4 billion in community benefits across the state.

Together, UC Health locations are the second largest provider of inpatient services to Medi-Cal enrollees in the state, despite having only 6 percent of all hospital beds in California.

UC’s academic health centers contract with nearly all of the state’s Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide care.

A self-supporting health care system

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Innovating for the future

UC’s research discoveries prevent and cure diseases, create new technologies for diagnosing and treating illnesses, and provide new strategies for staying healthy. This work happens through data-driven investigations powered by the UC Health Data Warehouse and 4,900 clinical trials for more than 2,400 conditions in areas such as lung cancer, diabetes, melanoma, COVID-19, and more. UC received $2.6 billion in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health last year – more funding than any other institution in the country.

Service data from FY22-23, unless noted