

FROM THE GROUND UP

Hillcrest Redevelopment Project

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OUR MISSION

To deliver outstanding patient care through commitment to the community, groundbreaking research and inspired teaching.

OUR VISION

To create a healthier world — one life at a time — through new science, new medicine and new cures.

Region’s Best Health Care Keeps Getting Better

Earlier this summer, UC San Diego Health celebrated the “topping out” of the steel structure of our new 250,000-square-foot Hillcrest Outpatient Pavilion. The ritual of signing the last beam before it is placed included physicians, nurses, and team members of all backgrounds as well as the highly skilled construction crews bringing our new campus to life.

At the event, I was impressed both by the progress made toward expanding access to our top-rated patient care and by the number and diversity of people involved. More than 46% of the redevelopment project workforce at the construction site office are women, making this project uniquely UC San Diego Health, uniquely Hillcrest, uniquely California.

When the Hillcrest Outpatient Pavilion opens in 2025, our top-ranked medical and surgical services will combine cancer care, orthopedic surgery, women’s health, and other highly sought-after academic medical specialties. In the years that follow, we will build the region’s most advanced hospital and offer new resources that will provide the best-in-class care San Diegans deserve.

The region’s best health care keeps getting better. We can’t wait for you to experience our transformed Hillcrest Medical Campus.

Patty Maysent
CEO, UC San Diego Health

COMMUNITY VOICES — DR. LARRY FRIEDMAN



Honoring Lawrence “Larry” Friedman, MD: UC San Diego Professor, Physician, Brother

It is so meaningful to honor my brother Larry with a bench in his memory at the revitalized Hillcrest Medical Campus.

From 1994 to his death in 2021, Larry was dedicated to serving UC San Diego and his patients. He began as a professor of pediatrics and medicine, later becoming associate dean for clinical affairs. He oversaw a program for teens and young adults with HIV at the Owen Clinic and co-founded a mobile van collaborative providing free health care to homeless and runaway youth. Larry also founded the UC San Diego Clinical Telemedicine Program. These are just some of his many commitments to UC San Diego and our community. In addition to his medical accomplishments, he served on the boards of both the La Jolla Playhouse and the Museum of Photographic Arts.

I hope this bench brings comfort to all who rest upon it, whether a colleague, friend or patient. My brother’s caring and generosity will always be remembered.

— Margie Friedman

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT — KRISTIN HILL



“It’s exciting to think about how these new buildings will create more comfortable, efficient and technologically innovative spaces for our teams to thrive and our patients to heal. I feel very fortunate to be here to witness this long-awaited transformation,” said Kristin Hill. As the senior director of Strategic Building Programs and Health Campus Development, Kristin is a key leader of the redevelopment project who joined UC San Diego Health in 2012.

“I enjoy collaborating with our internal teams and our design and construction partners to create state-of-the-art facilities. It’s also very rewarding to work with our Facilities and Support Services teams to ensure our buildings are sustainable, serviceable and safe for our staff to maintain and support.”

When asked where she finds joy at work, she replied, “It’s amazing to see the Outpatient Pavilion being built and to realize how different this campus will look in the coming years! I love that we are part of the Hillcrest neighborhood and that our revitalized campus will be a restorative place not only for our staff and patients, but also for our neighbors to enjoy and be proud of.”

HEALTH CARE EQUALITY LEADER

Over 400 team members participated in the San Diego Pride Parade in July. It was an incredible display of unity, support and caring as we came together to celebrate and uplift one another. UC San Diego Health



is proud to be recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader since 2012. We serve our entire community with high-quality care that is inclusive and individualized to meet each patient’s health and well-being needs.



Reaching New Heights

A celebratory “topping out” ceremony at UC San Diego Medical Center on June 23 marked the approximate halfway point for construction of our new **Hillcrest Outpatient Pavilion**, part of the first phase of a comprehensive revitalization project for the medical campus.

Anticipated to open in 2025, the new Outpatient Pavilion will house a number of programs and services

Adorned with an American flag and a symbolic tree (traditionally included in these ceremonies), the final steel beam for the outpatient pavilion was positioned while leaders, staff and construction crew looked on. The first phase of construction for the overall project also includes a new parking structure that will provide approximately 1,850 spaces for employees, patients and visitors, plus related road and utility infrastructure.

The \$3 billion revitalization project is expected to continue over approximately 15 years. Planned upgrades for our Hillcrest Medical Campus will be synchronized to reduce impact on the surrounding community while ensuring that current, critical campus functions remain operational.

- Specialty clinical programs, including neurosurgery, oncology, orthopedics, otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), and urology
 - Advanced imaging
 - Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center
 - Endoscopy suite
 - Infusion services
 - Outpatient surgery
 - Radiation oncology
 - Retail pharmacy
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Visit health.ucsd.edu/hillcrest for more information about the current and future phases for the UC San Diego Health — Hillcrest Medical Campus. The long-term redevelopment project represents a reimagining of how academic medicine can better serve you, your family and the whole community.

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CLINICIAN SPOTLIGHT — SAPIDEH GILANI, MD



Sapideh Gilani, MD, head and neck surgeon at UC San Diego Health and associate professor of surgery at UC San Diego School of Medicine, said of the redevelopment project, "The new UC San Diego Health — Hillcrest Medical Campus will enhance our world-class care for San Diegans. Hillcrest's close proximity to many of our renowned San Diego attractions, as well as the airport and central train station, are an asset for anyone who wishes to travel here for health care. Because healing depends on the surroundings in which recovery takes place, San Diego offers an ideal opportunity for specialized health care in a beautiful environment."

"The new facilities will help UC San Diego Health fulfill its mission — to train the next generation of doctors and conduct groundbreaking research to discover new treatments for both common and rare diseases."
