About us

Founded in 1955, UCLA Medical Center became Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in 2008, reopening in a new 10-story structure (eight above ground) that takes hospital design to a new level. The latest medical advances are provided in a welcoming environment that is filled with light and open spaces to enhance a sense of wellness and promote healing.

Situated on four acres on the UCLA campus in West Los Angeles, the hospital encompasses Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA and UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital. This was one of the first total replacement hospital projects to be built in accordance with the latest California seismic safety requirements.

World-class patient care

Every floor of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center is dedicated to a particular specialty and equipped with all of the necessary support equipment and supplies. Every floor has its own satellite pharmacy, dialysis storage, respiratory therapy workrooms and resident doctor sleep rooms.

In addition, each patient room has the capacity to convert into an intensive care unit (ICU) to allow for the continuous care of a critically ill patient in one room.

Key hospital features

- **Surgical suites** with full audiovisual integration systems and leading-edge medical equipment.

- **GONDA Observation Unit**, run by a hospitalist team, is a special short-stay unit for patients requiring observation for a specific symptom.

- **The BirthPlace, Westwood** allows mothers to give birth and recover in a comfortable, home-like setting that easily and quickly transforms into an efficient operating room for the delivery.

- **Level 1 trauma center** with multiple trauma rooms and a dedicated CT scanner enables doctors to more immediately diagnose patients upon their arrival.

By the numbers

- U.S. News & Report ranks UCLA Health hospitals Best in the West for 27 consecutive years and
  - No. 1 in Los Angeles
  - No. 7 in the U.S.

- Magnet Status for Nursing Excellence

- National leader in organ transplantation

**520 inpatient beds**
- 90 pediatric beds
- 74 neuropsychiatric beds
**25 operating rooms**
**1,050,000 square feet**
**50,400 emergency department visits annually**
Intensive care units employ a “line of sight” approach that ensures 360-degree access to critically ill patients.

Room service food delivery allows patients to personalize their menu orders and arrange for their delivery at a convenient time.

Floor-by-floor:

- **Underground connection** allows transport of patients between the hospital and UCLA Medical Plaza (for tests, therapy, etc.).
- **Basement level** houses the clinical lab, featuring a computerized delivery system used to transport specimens, blood samples and other materials to various locations within the hospital.
- **Level P** features a special lobby area in the parking garage where discharged patients can be picked up in a more private and calm setting.
- **1st floor** houses the emergency and imaging departments, which include trauma elevators to transport patients rapidly from two rooftop helipads, Gift Shop and Dining Commons, also features Maddie’s Room, a comfortable indoor/outdoor waiting area for families whose loved ones are undergoing surgery.
- **2nd floor** houses 25 state-of-the-art operating rooms, eight specialty interventional procedure rooms, six catheterization labs and three medical procedure units.
- **3rd & 5th floors** are home to UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital and the Level 4 neonatal intensive care unit, the highest-level trauma designation possible for neonatal care.
- **4th floor** houses Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA and outdoor terraces where patients can have immediate access to open air and views.
- **6th through 8th floors** house patient rooms and the intensive care units.

Healing by design

Renowned architects I.M. Pei and C.C. Pei of Pei Partnership Architects designed Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, with the firm of Perkins & Will serving as the executive architect. The design vision was to create an environment that optimizes healing. The space is open and light-filled, organized in pavilions with glass walls facing outdoors, and includes gardens and gathering places. Patient rooms feature panoramic views and bring in an abundance of natural, healing light.

Four separate towers are staggered to avoid windows looking directly in on each other. All patient rooms are private and feature window seats that convert to daybeds, allowing family members to room-in with patients.

Hospital leadership

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