**Scripps Mercy Fast Facts**

- Founded in 1890
- 1 Level I trauma center
- 2 hospital campuses
- 410 average daily patient census
- Trauma visits annually 2,525
- 4,270 babies born annually
- 35,991 Mercy Clinic visits
- 89,434 emergency department visits annually
- 199,444 patient visits annually
- $108 million community benefit services provided annually

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**Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego**

Established in 1890 by the Sisters of Mercy, Scripps Mercy Hospital is San Diego’s premier health care provider. With campuses in San Diego and Chula Vista, we provide medical expertise, leading-edge technology and a very special style of care. As San Diego County’s largest hospital, Scripps Mercy offers a minimally invasive robotic surgery program, emergency services and a level I trauma center, a nationally designated Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery and other acute medical/surgical services, as well as a certified STEMI receiving center (for heart attacks) and one of the county’s only chest pain centers. These are just a few reasons why Scripps Mercy has repeatedly been named among the top hospitals in the nation.

With 684 licensed beds, more than 2,700 employees and 1,200 physicians, Scripps Mercy is San Diego’s longest established and only Catholic medical center.

**San Diego’s First and Only Catholic Hospital**

Led by Sister Mary Michael Cummings, in 1890 the Sisters of Mercy opened the five-bed St. Joseph’s Dispensary at the corner of Sixth Avenue and H Street (later renamed Market Street) with a grand total of $50. Hours later, a malaria victim became the first patient to receive care at the new facility. Since the establishment of that small dispensary, Scripps Mercy Hospital has played a major role in the development of health care in San Diego.
Emergency Services

Scripps Mercy Hospital was the first in California to put into place an innovative and patient-focused process that has virtually eliminated wait times and changed the way the hospital delivers care to patients seeking treatment in the Emergency Department. As a result of the program’s success, the process is now in place at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas and Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla.

In 2011, the Conrad Prebys Emergency & Trauma Center at Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego opened. The facility is home to a 27,000-square-foot, 49 bed emergency and trauma center dedicated to serving the health care needs of the San Diego community.

The new facility is named in honor of Conrad Prebys, the prominent San Diego developer and philanthropist who donated $10 million to support Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego’s emergency department and trauma services in 2006. The gift remains the largest donation to the not-for-profit hospital in its 125-year history. It marked Mr. Prebys’ first donation to Scripps, which was followed in 2011 with a $45 million donation to build the Prebys Cardiovascular Institute on the campus of Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla.

Awards and Recognition

In 2014, U.S. News & World Report’s annual “America’s Best Hospitals” issue ranked Scripps Mercy Hospital No. 48 nationally for “Diabetes and Endocrinology” in addition to ranking the hospital No.14 in California and No. 3 in the San Diego metro area. The hospital was recognized for high performance in 11 specialty areas, including cancer; cardiology and heart surgery; ear, nose and throat; gastroenterology and GI surgery; geriatrics; gynecology; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopedics; pulmonology; and urology.

Education and Training

As a major teaching hospital, Scripps Mercy Hospital is a primary site for the clinical education of more than 50 residents a year, as well as a secondary training site for residents from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and the Naval Medical Center. UCSD medical students, along with medical students from other institutions, fulfill third- and fourth-year clerkship responsibilities at Scripps Mercy. Mercy also supports educational programs for student nurses (clinical rotations), radiological technologists, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, as well as pharmacy and psychology post-doctoral training.

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Founded in 1924 by philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, Scripps Health is a nonprofit integrated health system based in San Diego, Calif. Scripps treats a half-million patients annually through the dedication of 2,600 affiliated physicians and 13,500 employees among its five acute-care hospital campuses, hospice and home health care services, and an ambulatory care network of physician offices and 25 outpatient centers and clinics.