

CONRAD PREBYS EMERGENCY & TRAUMA CENTER AT SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL



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Scripps Mercy Hospital has served San Diego residents for more than 120 years. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1890, Scripps Mercy is the first and only Catholic hospital in the county.

As San Diego County's largest hospital and one of the 10 largest in California, Scripps Mercy has 700 acute-care licensed beds on two campuses, 1,300 physicians and more than 3,000 employees.

Accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego provides the highest quality emergency and trauma services to each patient who enters its doors. Scripps Mercy is one of the busiest emergency departments in San Diego County. Some 60,000 patients were treated in the hospital's emergency department in 2011, averaging 164 patients per day.

Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego is the busiest trauma center in the county, and is designated a Level I Trauma Center, the highest designation for trauma care assigned by the American College of Surgeons. Each year, Scripps Mercy provides trauma care to more than 2,400 patients. With leading heart and surgical specialty care available within the same hospital location, patients and their families can rest assured that serious conditions receive the most effective, advanced care available.

Extensive trauma and injury prevention work in the community and nationally recognized medical education programs are a testament to Scripps Health's unique commitment to trauma and emergency care.

As a leader in emergency and trauma care, Scripps Mercy has seen a steady increase in patient volume over the years. This increased volume, combined with an aging facility, heightened the need for a new emergency and trauma center to serve patients now and into the future. Thanks to the generosity of philanthropist Conrad Prebys and donations from nearly 1,000 community members, physicians and employees, the goal of building a state-of-the-art, patient-centric emergency and trauma center has been reached.

The Conrad Prebys Emergency & Trauma Center is focused on providing quality and efficient care with patient comfort in mind. The new emergency department has a CT scanner adjacent to the trauma bays that will eliminate patient transport to radiology, an in-house lab to expedite test results for physicians and nurses to diagnose and treat patients as quickly as possible, as well as a dedicated wireless telemetry system to provide continuous patient monitoring.

The next phase involves renovating the existing emergency department and then reopening it, nearly doubling the size of the emergency and trauma center. Featuring 49 beds, private rooms, procedure rooms and four trauma bays that can treat up to eight patients, the new 27,000-square-foot facility will be well-equipped to meet the health care needs of the San Diego community.



Philanthropist Conrad Prebys with the emergency department, trauma service and critical care staff in 2006 at the announcement of his \$10 million donation.



Emergency Department Redesign: Patient Care in 30 Minutes or Less

Scripps Mercy Hospital is the proud pioneer of an innovative and patient-focused emergency department redesign that drastically reduces wait times.

Scripps Mercy physicians and staff from the emergency department, radiology, laboratory, access management, engineering, quality, information systems and many other departments throughout the hospital made significant changes that revolutionized the way patients receive treatment in the emergency department. Under the new process, patients entering the emergency department are immediately met by an intake nurse, who determines where they need to be assessed and treated. The patient is then taken back to the designated treatment area, where within 30 minutes on average, they are evaluated by a nurse and physician, eliminating the need to repeat their story multiple times to multiple caregivers. The patient is cared for by a team of nurses, and a physician obtains a medical history, performs a physical examination and develops a treatment plan, caring for the patient until they are discharged or admitted to the hospital.

Following the successful implementation of the emergency department redesign at Scripps Mercy, the process has been adopted at emergency departments throughout the Scripps Health system, ensuring all patients quick access to quality care.

SYSTEMWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

The Conrad Prebys Emergency & Trauma Center at Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego is part of improvements being made throughout the Scripps Health system. Projects include master plans for the Scripps Mercy Chula Vista and San Diego campuses, a new parking structure and central energy plant at Scripps Mercy; a 25-year master plan transforming Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, with its cornerstone Scripps Prebys Cardiovascular Institute; a new emergency department and critical care building and parking structure at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas; the new Scripps Proton Therapy Center and Scripps Radiation Therapy Center; and the continued development of Scripps critical ambulatory care sites. Other facility improvements include seismic upgrades and investment in new information technology.

ABOUT SCRIPPS

Founded in 1924 by philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, Scripps Health is a \$2.3 billion nonprofit integrated health system. Scripps treats a half-million patients annually through the dedication of 2,600 affiliated physicians and 13,000 employees at its five acute-care hospital campuses, an ambulatory care network of physician offices and 23 outpatient centers and clinics, and home health care services. Scripps is also at the forefront of clinical research, genomic medicine, wireless health and graduate medical education. With three highly respected graduate medical education programs, Scripps is a longstanding member of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

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