



SONOMA VALLEY HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION
Inspiring Support for Sonoma Valley Hospital

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“ We are so fortunate for the presence of Sonoma Valley Hospital in our town.

The health of our community is shaped by the services and care provided by the wonderful staff of our hospital. Through the support and engagement of the community, SVH will remain a vital part of our HEALTH!

”
Wendy Lee Myatt
Supporter
SVH District Board Member

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Our Hospital Ranks Amongst the Best in Nation

Sonoma Valley Hospital has been recognized by the Lown Institute as one of the most socially responsible hospitals in America, receiving “A” grades in Equity, Value, and Outcomes on the 2024-25 Lown Institute Hospitals Index. **Out of more than 3,500 hospitals measured by Lown, only 5% achieved honor roll status, with Sonoma Valley Hospital ranking among this select group of high performers.**

Sonoma Valley Hospital ranked 2nd out of 258 hospitals in California and 10th nationally on the Social Responsibility metric. According to the Index, our hospital also performed well on Cost Efficiency, Clinical Outcomes, and Avoiding Overuse metrics. These are independent rankings and hospitals do not apply or pay to be listed.

Read the full article in the North Bay Business Journal here.

New MRI Up and Running

The new 3 Tesla MRI is now operational at SVH. This is thanks to our many generous donors who supported the \$21M+ Outpatient Diagnostic Center capital campaign that has transformed SVH's diagnostic capabilities. To understand the importance and impact of having this new imaging equipment we spoke with Dr. Adam Nevitt who chairs the radiology department at Sonoma Valley Hospital.

On what makes a 3T MRI better than the previous equipment: Dr. Nevitt says, “The 3T magnet in most cases allows higher resolution and shorter scan times. It will allow us to perform non-invasive studies of the prostate and rectum. 3T MRIs provide a faster, more efficient way to scan multiple organs at once and may help spot more abnormalities.”

What will change for our patients? “The patients will be more comfortable with a larger bore which is less intrusive and faster scan times. Having a better MRI and the benefit of a less claustrophobic design lends itself to better healthcare AND a better patient experience”, said Dr. Nevitt.



How the new MRI enhances our affiliation with UCSF Health: Dr. Nevitt shared, "The magnet will allow us to perform many studies ordered by UCSF specialists that previously required patient travel to San Francisco. The whole concept of the upgraded outpatient diagnostic center was to create the best possible diagnostic care in a local and accessible environment, and now we have that."

Regarding the supporters who made this possible for our community: "It is a minor miracle to have this magnet and technology at our rural community hospital. This doesn't happen without the immense generosity and extreme commitment of community members. I can't thank our community enough for making this possible!", said Dr. Nevitt.

Grateful Patients Share Their Thoughts... *you can, too*

(see "Write A Review" link at bottom)



Every week we receive a rollup report from Rate My Hospital, the third-party firm that surveys our patients directly after they have received services.

SVH's overall scores are consistently 4.7 and higher on the 5-star rating system.

Perhaps most impressive and inspiring about the feedback are the written comments—here are few recent ones:

"The BEST medical care I have ever experienced anywhere any time!"

"We were visiting from out of state which added a bit more complexity to our visit. Dr. Timothy Smith and all of the nurses who attended to us were all excellent - competent, thorough, kind and very helpful."

"Gracias por todo la amabilidad de todo el Personal, por lo general todo fue excelente, la cirugía de la apendicitis gracias. (Thank you for all the kindness of all the staff, in general everything was excellent, thank you for the appendicitis surgery)."

"The MRI I had with the Tech Becky was great. She was caring and thoughtful. Made the experience easy."

"Tracy & Reena are very outstanding therapists and exceptional credits to your therapy department. During my military career, and after it, I never had hand or post injury therapy, assistance, or been given better, additional aides for me to use to help recover from my injuries, as I have received from Tracy & Reena. I feel very privileged to have such an excellent physical therapy department as this is, so close to my home, as I have also heard from other Sonoma residents over the years, of their equally exceptional recovery from their injuries at this same physical therapy department. I truly look forward to every appointment knowing the great quality of therapy I will receive from each of these exceptional individuals."

"Estoy muy contento con la amabilidad que me atendieron gracias (I am very happy with the kindness you treated me, thank you)."

"Professional, kind and honest people who have the best interests of their patients. God forbid I shall need to return to the ER but if needed would feel comfortable in their care any time."



We are always looking for constructive feedback—if you would like to rate your SVH experience on Google Reviews please click [here](#) and then go to the "Write A Review" box.

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