

~ We build a healthier community through education and access to quality health care. ~

Novato Community Hospital



The 47-bed Novato Community Hospital is a not-for-profit, general acute care hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Serving its community since 1961, the hospital affiliated with Sutter Health in 1985. Novato Community Hospital works in close partnership with Marin General Hospital to provide for the health care needs of more than 64,000 North Marin County residents. In 2001, Novato Community Hospital opened a \$40 million replacement hospital and a medical office building on the Sutter Novato Medical Campus.

Facts at a Glance (2006)

Active Physicians on Staff: 48
Discharges: 1,831
Outpatient Visits: 89,421
Emergency Department Visits: 16,191
Employees: 365
Facility Payroll: \$18.4 million
Net Patient Revenues: \$61.8 million
Community Benefit
Contribution: \$3.2 million

Patient Services ~

Novato Community Hospital's inpatient services include critical and medical/surgical care, surgery, the latest generation of digital diagnostic imaging, laboratory, respiratory, rehabilitation and pharmacy. Outpatient services include 24-hour emergency care, Same Day Surgery, the Outpatient Diagnostic Center (lab, X-ray, pulmonary function, EKG), diagnostic imaging and Occupational Health. Novato Community Hospital patients have access to additional services at Marin General Hospital through a collaborative arrangement between the two hospitals. For example, obstetrical services for the community are provided at nearby Marin General Hospital, as well as cardiac catheterization laboratory services.

Sampling of Community Partnerships/Programs ~

In 2006, Novato Community Hospital provided \$3.2 million in support of charity care and approximately 68 community programs and services such as:

- **Novato Health Partnership**—a joint effort by Novato Community Hospital, Novato Community Hospital Fund Development Council, Novato Unified School District, Longs Drugs and several of Novato Community Hospital physicians to provide access to free professional health care to underinsured children in grades K-12.
- **Health Express**—a program that provides seniors and the disabled with free transportation to physician appointments or to the hospital.
- **Healthy Marin Partnership**—a collaborative effort among various community organizations which seeks to improve the health status of county residents.
- **Education Seminars**—free public education seminars with topics ranging from cancer prevention to aging.
- **Health Education Resource Center**—a medical library offering free, reliable information on wellness, specific diagnosis and treatment options, and complementary medicine.

Highlights of New Programs/Services/Facilities

- Digital Mammography System
- Minimally invasive surgical suite
- Opened Sutter Terra Linda Health Plaza
- eICU®
- Faster MRI
- Mobile Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
- Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
- Primary Stroke Program
- Outpatient Diagnostic Center
- Cutting-edge digital diagnostic imaging

Improving Facilities and Access ~

The Sutter Health network of physicians and not-for-profit hospitals will invest billions of dollars over ten years to rebuild, replace and expand much of Northern California's health care infrastructure.

Advancing Patient Safety ~

Novato Community Hospital and our Sutter Health network are raising the bar on patient safety. We are the first network on the West Coast to use early warning software as well as advanced video and electronic monitoring to allow physician specialists to keep an even closer eye on critically ill patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We continue to be a pioneer in using bar-coding and expert databases to track medication orders to help prevent errors. To further improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety and reduce the cost of high-quality care, Sutter Health also is investing \$450 million to deploy an electronic health record (EHR) system as well as \$1.2 billion in a broad range of patient safety initiatives over the next 10 years.

Guiding Us in Our Mission ~

Novato Community Hospital is locally governed by two volunteer boards of directors that lend expertise, knowledge and commitment to guide the hospital toward its mission.

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Novato Community Hospital is part of the Sutter Health family of not-for-profit hospitals, physician organizations and other medical services that share resources and expertise to advance health care quality. Serving more than 100 communities in Northern California, Sutter Health is a regional leader in cardiac care, cancer treatment, orthopedics, obstetrics, and newborn intensive care, and is a pioneer in advanced patient safety technology. For more information, visit www.sutterhealth.org.



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