

AT A GLANCE

HISTORY



Back in the 1950s when 18-bed St. Paul's Hospital proved too small for the Livermore/Pleasanton communities, and people grew weary of traveling to Oakland or Hayward for health care, local residents banded together and raised enough money, along with federal grants, to build Valley Memorial Hospital on land donated by Kaiser Paving Company in Livermore. From that beginning, Valley Memorial developed into a two-campus health system with the opening of ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton in 1991. For 50 years, ValleyCare Health System has remained non-profit and has grown along with the Tri-Valley expanding and adding services as the needs of the people grew. Here are some historical highlights of ValleyCare Health System:

1959

Auxiliary opened the "Nifty Thrift Shop" to raise funds for new hospital



1961

Valley Memorial Hospital (VMH) opened on October 2 with 46 beds

1969

A third floor was added to increase VMH to 110 beds

1974

A 23-acre parcel of land was purchased at the corner of Santa Rita and West Las Positas in Pleasanton for the future ValleyCare Medical Center

1977

Intensive/Cardiac Care expanded from five to ten beds

1982

ValleyCare Foundation was founded to facilitate fundraising

1988

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) offered



1989

Medical Plaza West and the Ambulatory Care Center opened on Pleasanton Campus

1990

ValleyCare was chosen as one of only 225 hospitals worldwide to participate in an international study on the use of "clot busting" drugs for heart attack treatment



1991

ValleyCare Medical Center (VMC) in Pleasanton opened to patients on December 10 with 67 beds

1999

ValleyCare Auxiliary and physicians donated \$1 million to kick off major fundraising campaign Vision 2000 to build West Wing
ValleyCare partnered with Las Positas College to open Student Health Center





2000

Second floor of new medical wing opened, adding 30 beds to Pleasanton campus

ValleyCare is one of the first hospitals in the nation to open a fully computerized operating room



wellness facility on Livermore campus

2001

Groundbreaking for new Medical Plaza and LifestyleRxsm

2002

ValleyCare partners with Chabot College Nursing Program to open nursing school on Livermore campus to address nursing shortage

2003

LifeStyleRx and new Medical Plaza in Livermore opened

ValleyCare spine surgeons first in California to use artificial disc

ValleyCare Medical Center opens third floor of west wing adding 30 beds



2009

ValleyCare and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital collaborate to expand women's and children's services here in Tri-Valley

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) expands from four to ten beds

2010

ValleyCare collaborates with Alameda County to install wireless cardiac monitors on county ambulances

First floor of West wing opens adding 24 beds

2006

ValleyCare launches open heart surgery

Alameda County designates ValleyCare as cardiac receiving center

2007

Regional Cancer Center at ValleyCare opens

First minimally invasive, non-dislocating hip replacement surgery in California performed at ValleyCare

ValleyCare Weight Loss Surgery Program named Center of Excellence by American Society for Bariatric Surgery

ValleyCare receives its first California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE) award

2008

ValleyCare receives its first Get with the Guidelines award from American Heart Association, and will receive awards every year since

2011

ValleyCare Health System Celebrates 50th Anniversary

