

Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care About the 2026 Honor Roll Program

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a widespread public health challenge in California, affecting millions of individuals, families, and communities.¹

- **Nearly 1 in 2 Californians** age 12 and older reported using alcohol in the past month.
- **5.6 million Californians (17%)** age 12 and older met the criteria for SUD in 2022–2023.
- **7,560 Californians** died from an opioid-related overdose in 2023.
- **Fentanyl deaths have surged:** The fentanyl-related death rate increased from **0.2 deaths per 100,000 people in 2013 to 18.3 in 2023**.

These numbers underscore the urgent need for action. The **Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care Honor Roll** program harnesses the power of hospitals to drive meaningful change by recognizing leadership, celebrating progress, and inspiring healthcare organizations across California to strengthen SUD care and improve outcomes for patients and communities.

- **Strong statewide participation:** All California acute care hospitals were invited to participate in the 2026 SUD Care Honor Roll. A total of 119 hospitals voluntarily submitted data highlighting their progress in implementing evidence-based practices to address SUD.
- **A diverse cross-section of California hospitals:** The 119 participating hospitals represent approximately one-third of all adult acute care hospitals in California and reflect a diverse range of rural, urban, and academic care settings.
- **Sustained commitment year after year:** Participation in the SUD Care Honor Roll has remained strong since the program's inception, even amid a changing healthcare landscape. This sustained engagement reflects California hospitals' continued commitment to expanding access to SUD care and treatment in their communities.
- **A comprehensive assessment of SUD care:** Using the [Healthcare Organizations Leading SUD Care Self-Assessment](#), participating hospitals responded to eight questions across four key domains: safe and effective opioid use, medications for addiction treatment, harm reduction strategies, and cross-cutting management best practices. Hospitals also had opportunities to earn extra credit for activities such as meeting or exceeding the California average of 14% or better for the Safe Use of Opioids eCQM; using data to identify and provide personalized care to patients with SUD who may be particularly vulnerable; and tracking early recognition, referral to resources, linkage to care, and treatment in real time.
- **Four tiers of recognition:** The 2026 Honor Roll recognizes hospitals across four performance designations: Sustained Improvement, Superior Performance, Excellent Progress, and Most Improved. The full methodology is available in the [2026 Methodology Primer](#). A complete list of Honor Roll recipients and participants begins on page 3 of this fact sheet.
- **22 hospitals achieved Superior Performance:** These hospitals demonstrate a strong commitment to implementing advanced, evidence-based SUD care strategies across multiple service lines. They

¹ [California Health Care Almanac: Substance Use in California \(2025 Edition\)](#)

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actively measure and monitor performance to drive continuous quality improvement and integrate SUD care resources and workflows throughout their organizations to help ensure prevention and treatment remain accessible to their communities. Examples of these practices include developing processes to support substance-exposed birthing persons and newborns, maintaining at least one full-time-equivalent SUD Navigator, and building the capacity to provide screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment.

- **41 hospitals achieved Sustained Improvement:** These hospitals achieved Superior Performance for two consecutive years, demonstrating continued progress and a sustained commitment to advancing SUD care.
- **20 hospitals achieved Excellent Progress:** These hospitals are taking meaningful steps to spread and scale SUD best practices across their organizations. Examples include engaging affiliated primary and specialty care clinics in SUD management practices and training appropriate providers and staff in the medical model of addiction, harm reduction principles, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed care. These hospitals consistently achieve Level 3 or Level 4 performance across the four domains of care, as measured by the self-assessment.
- **39 hospitals achieved Most Improved:** These hospitals demonstrated substantial progress in advancing their SUD care programs, harm reduction services, and stigma-reduction activities over the past 12 months, achieving an increase of at least five points on their self-assessment compared with the previous year. This progress reflects the collaboration of quality improvement teams and a commitment to continuous, rapid-cycle improvement.
- **32 additional hospitals recognized as Participants:** Cal Hospital Compare also recognizes 32 hospitals participating in the 2026 Honor Roll that are actively building the foundation for effective SUD care programs. These efforts include communicating program purpose, goals, key performance indicators, and progress to appropriate staff. Although establishing these foundational practices can take years, participating hospitals are demonstrating an accelerated improvement trajectory, as reflected in their increasing self-assessment scores year over year.
- **Closing gaps and sustaining progress:** Since the program's inception, participating hospitals have made meaningful strides in closing gaps in SUD care, including expanding access to free or low-cost harm reduction supplies, addressing stigma among physicians and staff, and strengthening patient and family engagement. An ongoing priority is sustaining these improvements over time.
- **Connecting people to treatment:** The SUD Care Honor Roll hospitals are part of a broader statewide effort, [CA Bridge Navigator Program](#), to ensure people with SUD can access timely, evidence-based care. CA Bridge also helps strengthen the statewide SUD care infrastructure through training, technical assistance, and other resources. Their newest program, the [CA Bridge Connect](#) helpline, works with hospitals, clinics, and other low-barrier treatment providers across California to rapidly connect people to medications for addiction treatment and other SUD support.
- **Looking Ahead to 2028:** Cal Hospital Compare will continue to advance SUD care across California by identifying opportunities to align hospital-based improvement efforts with broader statewide priorities, fostering collaboration, and supporting the continued expansion of evidence-based SUD services.

2026 Honor Roll Hospital Recipients and Participants

*Hospital also received 'Most Improved' recognition

Sustained Improvement (Superior Performance 2 Years Running)

Hospital Name	
Adventist Health Bakersfield	Montclair Hospital Medical Center*
Adventist Health Howard Memorial	Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center
Adventist Health Mendocino*	Providence Mission Hospital
Adventist Health Ukiah Valley	Providence St. Mary Medical Center - Apple Valley
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Riverside University Health Systems*
Barton Memorial Hospital	Saint Louise Regional Hospital*
Chino Valley Medical Center*	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital
Dignity Health - California Hospital Medical Center	Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
Dignity Health Mercy General Hospital	Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
Dignity Health Mercy Hospital of Folsom*	Scripps Green Hospital
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Mount Shasta	Scripps Memorial Hospital - Encinitas
Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento	Scripps Memorial Hospital - La Jolla
Dignity Health St. Bernardine Medical Center	Scripps Mercy Hospital - Chula Vista
Eisenhower Medical Center	Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego
Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital	Sharp Coronado Hospital*
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian	Sharp Grossmont Hospital*
Hoag Orthopedic Institute	Sharp Memorial Hospital
John Muir Medical Center - Concord Campus*	Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital*
Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Medical Center	Sharp Tri-City Medical Center
Los Angeles General Medical Center	Tahoe Forest Hospital
Marshall Hospital	

Superior Performance

Hospital Name	
Adventist Health Delano	Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Merced*
Adventist Health Glendale*	Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital Medical Center*
Adventist Health Tulare	O'Connor Hospital*
Dignity Health Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	Regional Medical Center of San Jose
Bear Valley Community Hospital*	San Geronio Memorial Hospital*
Community Memorial Hospital Ojai*	Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center*
Community Memorial Hospital - Ventura*	Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women and Newborns
Corona Regional Medical Center*	Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley-Pleasanton*
Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Redding	Sutter Lakeside Hospital*
Huntington Hospital*	Sutter Novato Community Hospital*
John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek Campus*	Sutter Tracy Community Hospital*

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Excellent Progress

Hospital Name	
Antelope Valley Medical Center	Sutter California Pacific Medical Center - Van Ness Campus
Community Regional Medical Center	Sutter Coast Hospital*
Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center Stockton	Sutter Davis Hospital
Loma Linda University Medical Center*	Sutter Eden Medical Center
Providence Healdsburg Hospital*	Sutter Memorial Hospital Los Banos
Providence St. Joseph Hospital Eureka	Sutter Memorial Medical Center*
Redlands Community Hospital*	Sutter Mills-Peninsula Medical Center*
San Antonio Regional Hospital*	Sutter Roseville Medical Center*
Sutter California Pacific Medical Center - Davies Campus	Sutter Solano Medical Center*
Sutter California Pacific Medical Center - Mission Bernal Campus	UC Davis Medical Center

Most Improved

Hospital Name	
Barstow Community Hospital	Providence Saint John's Health Center
Mountains Community Hospital	Providence St. Jude Medical Center

Participant

Hospital Name	
Colorado River Medical Center	Providence Holy Cross Medical Center
Desert Regional Medical Center	Providence Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Desert Valley Hospital	Providence St. Joseph Hospital, Orange
Dignity Health Community Hospital of San Bernardino	Rancho Springs Hospital
Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital	Ridgecrest Regional Hospital
Dignity Health St. Elizabeth Community Hospital	Riverside Community Hospital
Harbor - UCLA Medical Center	Sutter Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
Hemet Global Medical Center	Sutter Amador Hospital
Hi-Desert Medical Center	Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital
Inland Valley Hospital	Sutter Delta Medical Center
JFK Memorial Hospital	Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center of Santa Cruz
Loma Linda University Children's Hospital	Sutter Medical Center - Sacramento
Loma Linda University Medical Center - Murrieta	Sutter Surgical Hospital - North Valley
Menifee Global Medical Center	Temecula Valley Hospital
Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center	Victor Valley Global Medical Center
Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center	Watsonville Community Hospital