

The Aortic Disease Program at USC University Hospital Innovation & Technology At the forefront of knowledge and expertise.

It is astonishing to know that five to seven percent of people in the US over the age of 60 have aortic aneurysms, and 15,000 of these patients may die each year from rupture. Many others are affected by other forms of aortic disease. That is why the physicians at USC University Hospital have made a commitment to treating these patients through the creation of The Aortic Disease Program. Our experienced team, comprised of members of the Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapeutics and the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, offers some of the most advanced treatments available for conditions affecting the aorta.

The Aortic Disease Program at USC University Hospital is leading the way in treating aortic disease, providing some of the most advanced, clinically proven treatments available. Our specialization and extensive expertise enables us to treat a wide range of life-threatening conditions. By participating in ongoing clinical trials, your patients may have access to clinical trials not available elsewhere.

Our focus on treating aortic disease is an advantage when it comes to treating common conditions as well as difficult cases that present unique challenges. Our areas of expertise include:

- Thoracic and abdominal aneurysm
- Aortic dissection
- Atherosclerotic disease of the aorta
- Renal and Visceral occlusive disease
- Aortic valve disease
- Takayasu's Arteritis
- Marfan syndrome
- Emergency and elective repair
- Endovascular and open procedure

We are one of the first teams in Southern California to use thoracic stent grafts, a minimally invasive option for patients with aneurysms of the descending thoracic aorta.

Leading Edge, Comprehensive and Centralized Aortic Care.

USC University Hospital is proud to be one of a few medical centers in California offering complete, state-of-the-art aortic care in one location. Our uniquely experienced surgeons from the USC Keck School of Medicine are involved in each patient's personalized treatment plan, including specialized pre-operative diagnostics, surgery, post-operative care, and long-term follow up.

Our facility places a special emphasis on diagnostics—creating precise images, data analysis and anatomical calculations that provide a virtual roadmap to guide interventions – a non-invasive approach to preoperative strategy that saves time and reduces risk. These tests may include:

- Non-invasive duplex scanning in our Nationally Accredited Vascular Lab*
- CT Scan – Our 64-slice scanner offers the latest in imaging. We also perform advanced 3-D reconstruction of the thoracic and abdominal arteries
- MRI – Including Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) and Magnetic Resonance Venography (MRV)

Additionally, patients are treated in:

- A specially equipped Endovascular Operating Suite that provides high-resolution images for precise catheter-based interventions
- Specialized Critical Care and Step Down Units

* Accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories

Key Team Members Include:

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Robbin Cohen, MD**
Mark Cunningham, MD
Ismael Nuno, MD
Curtis Prejean, MD
Vaughns Starnes, MD

Vascular Surgery

Steven Katz, MD
Roy Kohl, MD
Vincent Rowe, MD
Fred Weaver, MD**

**Team Leader

All patients are evaluated by an interdisciplinary team to determine the best method of intervention.

Contact Information

Care for your patient is our first priority. Your referrals will be scheduled quickly and easily.

- Outpatient consults are scheduled within a week
- Inpatient transfers are scheduled with a single phone call

To make a referral or speak with one of our Aortic Disease Program physicians, please call **1-888-700-5700**.

The Aortic Disease Program at USC University Hospital
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USC University Hospital





Hospital Overview

USC University Hospital (USCUH) is a private, 411-bed research and teaching hospital staffed by the faculty of the renowned Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, and has established its place as one of the nation's preeminent academic medical centers. Part of Tenet California, the institution combines the caring atmosphere of a private hospital with the skills, experience, and research capabilities of a prominent medical school.

USCUH is also a clinical research partner of USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center—one of only six in California to earn that distinction.

Statistics

Beds:	411
Medical/Surgical Acute Care	307
Intensive Care/Coronary Care	94
Acute Psychiatric Care	10
Visits/Per Year:	
Outpatient Visits	56,000
Inpatient Visits	7,700
Employees:	1,600
Registered Nurses:	600
Affiliated Physicians:	500
Year Opened:	1991

*Faculty from the renowned Keck School of Medicine of USC

Accreditation

USC University Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Specialties & Research

As a teaching hospital and comprehensive quaternary medical facility, USCUH provides a wide range of specialized medical and surgical services including:

- Bariatric (Obesity) Surgery
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Cardiovascular Medicine
- Cystic Fibrosis Center
- Epilepsy Program
- Gynecology
- Multi-Organ Transplantation (heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas)
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Occupational/Physical/Speech Therapy
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Psychiatric Services
- Thoracic-Foregut Surgery
- Transfusion-Free Medicine & Surgery
- Urology

As an academic medical center, USCUH participates in hundreds of clinical trials in a broad variety of areas. These can often provide certain patients with access to new and exciting treatments that may not be available at other hospitals.

Honors & Recognition

In 2007, *US News & World Report* again named USCUH as one of "America's Best Hospitals." In addition:

In 2007, USCUH was rated 5-Star by Healthgrades® for Gastrointestinal Surgery and Procedures.

Many USCUH physicians are cited in *Best Doctors*, which is based on an extensive poll of medical specialists worldwide.



Advanced Technologies

- Gamma Knife® – Stereotactic radiosurgery system
- da Vinci® Surgical System
- Two 3.0 Tesla MRIs – For neurofunctional and cardiac imaging studies

Latest Developments

The latest addition to USCUH is the beautiful, 10-story Norris Inpatient Tower, which will serve as the new home to the Norris Cancer Team, and will include:

- 146 additional beds; 96 percent private rooms primarily dedicated to the care of cancer patients
- 11 additional operating rooms bringing USC University Hospital's total to 25
- Three minimally invasive surgery suites
- One Intraoperative MRI suite to be installed in 2008
- Four 10-bed Intensive care Units (ICU)
- Two 14-bed Definitive Observation Units (DOU)
- All rooms equipped for wireless internet capability
- Valet parking for patients and visitors
- Dedicated pick-up and drop-off area for patients
- An outdoor courtyard between existing and new hospital buildings
- Walk-through access to the existing hospital on all floors

Other Services

Concierge Desk

Located in the main hospital lobby, our Concierge Desk is staffed by professionals who can offer you access to a variety of services to help make the stay of patients and their families as comfortable as possible. 323-442-8787

Gift Shop

Located in the main hospital lobby, our Gift Shop is staffed by professionals who are available to serve patients, their families and the hospital staff. 323-442-8432

Volunteering

At USC University Hospital, we have more than 200 volunteers who share their time with our patients and their families. 323-442-8436

Address & Key Contacts:

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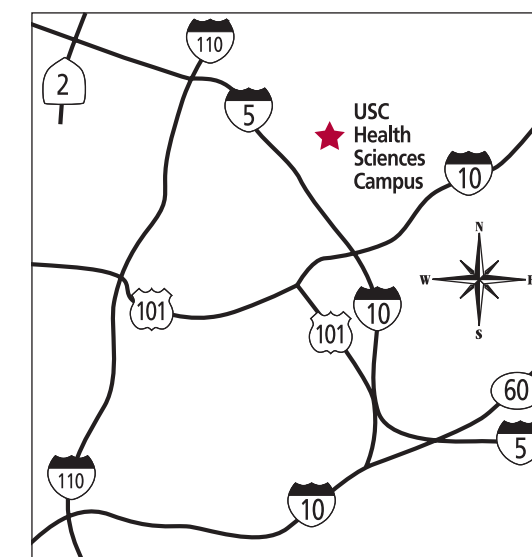
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Human Resources	323-442-8628
Medical Records	323-442-8786
Public Relations	323-442-8668

Parking

Valet parking is available outside the hospital's main entrance. Self-parking is available in the parking structure directly adjacent to hospital's main entrance.

Map

USCUH is located just minutes from downtown Los Angeles.



Map not to scale

Our Mission

The mission of USC University Hospital is to be a nationally respected provider of the highest quality, specialized acute inpatient and outpatient health care services and translational research in collaboration with the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

More than a hospital. An academic medical center.

