For more than 150 years, Laguna Honda Hospital has been a pillar of San Francisco’s safety net healthcare system, caring for those most in need and providing services during pivotal moments in San Francisco’s history, including the 1906 earthquake, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, Laguna Honda serves approximately 700 patients with complex medical needs who are low or very low income as part of the San Francisco Health Network.

Laguna Honda represents the largest commitment by any city or county to a publicly run skilled nursing facility.

How we deliver care:

Laguna Honda is uniquely organized into 13 specialized nursing and rehabilitation programs. These programs draw upon the talents of practitioners in multiple fields to provide a holistic approach to health. A few highlights include:

- A nationally recognized program for memory care for people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias.
- Award-winning restorative care program that assists patients to retain and reclaim physical competency.
- A Positive Care program that is the only HIV/AIDS skilled nursing program in the San Francisco Bay Area serving approximately 60 patients living with HIV/AIDS.
- Palliative care and hospice services.
- Monolingual care in Spanish and Chinese.
- Units dedicated to people coping with the effects of complex or chronic conditions such as stroke, traumatic brain injury or degenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis. Rehabilitative services that include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and audiology.

Our role in San Francisco

San Francisco’s most in-need residents depend on Laguna Honda for care. As we look toward the future, the need for Medi-Cal certified hospital-based skilled nursing facility beds will only increase. Laguna Honda’s beds account for 34 percent of all skilled nursing facility beds available in San Francisco.
Who we serve:
Laguna Honda patients often have complicated chronic medical needs along with behavioral health components (such as diagnosed mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders) and other social or behavior issues.