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## UC San Diego Health Named a

UC San Diego Health has been named a “Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization.

A record 626 health care providers participated in this year’s Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), with 67 percent receiving the leader designation. HRC focused on the largest hospitals in states, cities and metropolitan areas with significant LGBTQ populations.

To receive the designation, health systems were scored based on evaluations of patient services, support, non-discrimination, employee benefits, policies, staff training and community engagement. Designated leaders scored a perfect 100.



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“UC San Diego Health truly champions and cultivates a welcoming environment, and we firmly believe in providing not only quality, world class care, but care that is also culturally sensitive and that respects the diversity of the communities we serve,” said Patty Maysent, CEO, UC San Diego Health. “Our team members are incredibly committed to our patients, and we are honored to be named a leader in LGBTQ health care.”

In March 2018, the academic health system updated its electronic medical record system, Epic, to better serve the health needs and address often invisible health disparities of the LGBTQ community. For example, the system now provides patients with the ability to document their preferred names, preferred pronouns, sexual orientation and gender identity.

“The updates to our Epic system represent another example of UC San Diego Health’s commitment to the LGBTQ community,” said Maysent.

## About UC San Diego Health

As the region's only academic health system, UC San Diego Health is dedicated to delivering outstanding patient care through commitment to the community, groundbreaking research and inspired teaching. UC San Diego Health includes UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest and Jacobs Medical Center, Moores Cancer Center, Shiley Eye Institute, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center and Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute, all in La Jolla, as well as other primary and specialty practices located throughout Southern California. For more information, visit [health.ucsd.edu](http://health.ucsd.edu)

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