

THE ART & SCIENCE *of* REHABILITATION



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RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER



WORLD-RENOWNED CARE

A Commitment to Clinical Excellence

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has been a world leader in rehabilitation medicine for six decades. Led by an executive team comprised of highly specialized doctors, therapists and nurses, Rancho is committed to continuously improving its world-renowned patient care. Rancho is truly a "one-stop shop" that provides most of the specialized rehabilitation services that a patient may need. By treating more patients in more diagnoses than other rehabilitation facilities in the region, the hospital's clinicians are uniquely specialized, knowledgeable and effective. The bottom line is that Rancho Los Amigos is simply the best place to receive rehabilitation care.



Although he sustained a major spinal cord injury while surfing, Jarred Evans is catching waves again, thanks to his rehabilitation treatment and the support of his KnowBarriers Program Life Coach.

Rancho's state-of-the-art Jacquelin Perry Institute is home to Rancho's world-renowned inpatient clinical programs.

DISTINGUISHED DOCTORS

A Legacy of Outstanding Physicians

Our hospital's history is filled with a rich tradition of legendary doctors, who have created many of the innovations that have moved the art and science of rehabilitation medicine forward. From the illustrious Dr. John Affeldt to Dr. Jacquelin Perry and Dr. Vernon Nickel to Dr. Robert Waters and Dr. Douglas Garland, Rancho's doctors have established an unmatched level of excellence. Today our doctors, led by our eminent Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mindy Aisen, are continuing to create breakthroughs in research and patient care that are keeping Rancho at the forefront of the world's rehabilitation hospitals.



Dr. Jacquelin Perry and Dr. Vernon Nickel, inventors of the modern "halo" device, are part of a legacy of world-renowned Rancho doctors.



Luis Montes, MD works with a patient on Rancho's Pediatric Service. Rancho is the only hospital in California accredited for Pediatric Rehabilitation by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

EXCEPTIONAL CLINICIANS

A World-Renowned Rehabilitation Team

Rancho's clinical team is one of the finest of any rehabilitation hospital in the world. Our doctors, therapists and nurses work together in treatment teams to provide the very best care for our patients. By collaborating with major universities throughout the nation, our clinicians continue to innovate the practice of rehabilitation medicine through vital research projects. Rancho's clinicians continue to set the standard for patient care as they have for the last six decades.

After coming to Rancho, Yancy Miller made a dramatic recovery from Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Yancy walked out of Rancho, thanks to Physical Therapist Erin Caudill (left), Case Manager Judy Salazar and his Rancho treatment team.



Rancho's physical, occupational, recreation and speech therapy programs rank among the best in the world.



YOUR MEDICAL HOME

Partnering with Patients

Rancho's Medical Home initiative brings care to the next level for patients. Each has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician and their "RanchoCare" team that manages the patient's health care, whether the care is provided at Rancho, at another provider, or at home. In this way, Rancho Los Amigos takes care of all the patient's health needs, becoming a true health care home.



Rancho's nurses are recognized for their excellence and leadership, fostering an environment of outstanding care for patients.

David Rodarte's participation in Rancho's Wheelchair Sports Program led to a full athletic scholarship at the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated with honors.





REALIZING POTENTIAL

Rancho is One of "America's Best Hospitals"

Rancho has been named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in Rehabilitation Medicine for more than 20 years in a row. It is the only rehabilitation hospital in California or any neighboring state to be named to this prestigious list. Our ranking among the finest rehabilitation hospitals in the country is truly remarkable and a source of inspiration to continue to excel.



Patient Josefina Guevara starred in the Performing Arts of Rancho show, an annual event created by and for patients and staff of Rancho. Each year dozens of current and former patients share their stories through dance, drama and musical performances and plays at the show.

Artist Steve Clay overcame a stroke that completely paralyzed his right side. He has regained most of his movement and now paints with both hands.

PURSUIING DREAMS

Rediscovering the American Dream

Jay Cramer came to our hospital after suffering a major spinal cord injury in a rock-climbing accident. With the support of his friends, family, and his Rancho treatment team, Jay underwent extensive therapy. Today he is an award-winning stand-up comedian, participates in Rancho's KnowBarriers Life Coaching Program and directs the highly successful Performing Arts of Rancho Program. But perhaps the best outcome from his Rancho therapy program was meeting his wife Katy!



Jay Cramer and his wife Katy met at Rancho, where they not only found a Medical Home, but true love!

Jay Cramer has a new purpose in life after sustaining a major spinal cord injury. "I always wanted to entertain millions," he says. "Now my goal is to inspire millions."

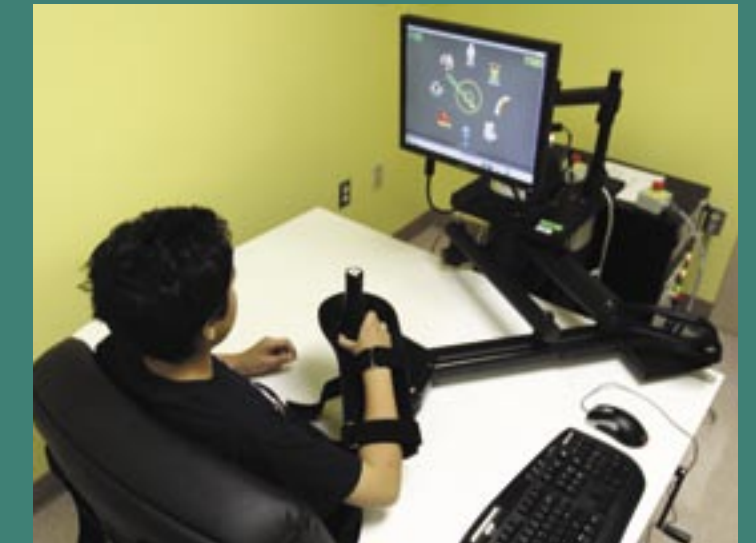




REGAINING CONFIDENCE

A Young Man and His Robot

Gonzalo Gonzalez was 8 years old when he sustained a traumatic brain injury, followed by a stroke. As the region's leading facility for the treatment of brain injuries and the only hospital in California to be certified in Pediatrics by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Rancho was an ideal choice for rehabilitating Gonzalo. With the support of his family and his Rancho treatment team, Gonzalo regained his ability to walk by the time he was discharged. Now he is receiving therapy with a state-of-the-art robot, one of Rancho's many advanced technology devices. Rancho, which has a worldwide reputation for its research and technology leadership, is the first hospital in the Western U.S. to have this robot.



Gonzalo Gonzales enjoys his robotic therapy session.

Rancho upholds its international reputation as a rehabilitation research leader, conducting millions of dollars worth of research each year.

FACING CHALLENGES

Leaders in Stroke Rehabilitation

Most of the rehabilitation patients at Rancho have neurology-related diagnoses such as stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer's Disease and ALS. Rancho's Stroke Program provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services that focus on helping people reach their highest level of function and independence. Our Acute Stroke/Neurology unit brings patients directly from emergency rooms throughout the Greater Southern California area to Rancho, allowing for earlier rehabilitation and better outcomes than were previously possible.



Stroke survivors participate in the Annual Rancho Stroke Walk to celebrate their return to meaningful lives. The event is one of more than 30 vital patient programs funded by Rancho Los Amigos Foundation.

Rancho patient and musician Jerry Cavazos prevailed over a life-threatening stroke and continued his passion for playing the saxophone.





ACHIEVING GOALS

Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Leaders

Rancho continues to be recognized for its leadership and innovation in spinal cord injury treatment. The rehabilitation team integrates the multiple needs of individuals with spinal cord injury, including ventilator support for respiratory difficulties, pressure ulcer management, and specialty wheelchair and seating needs. We also offer many special programs that help patients achieve their potential as they return to the community.



Rancho helped Erik Sorto survive a major injury. He is now a college graduate and is starting on the next chapter of his life.

Yuri Espino was three years old when she was hit by a car traveling 60 miles per hour, which nearly ended her life. But Yuri, her family and her Rancho treatment team worked together to help her recover from the devastating accident and achieve her goal of returning to school!

TRANSFORMING LIVES

One-in-a-Million

Steven Coniglio broke his neck in a high school wrestling match and was told by doctors at another hospital that there was no chance he would ever walk again. But with hard work and Rancho's outstanding clinicians, Steve walked out of Rancho. He now runs Coniglio Wines in Napa with his father Charles, and he especially loves to play golf. Steven and his family are very grateful to Rancho for helping him realize the power of his dreams.



At a recent Amistad Awards Gala, Steven Coniglio (left) and his father Charles receive a standing ovation. Charles was honored with the Amistad Award for Individual Achievement, Rancho's highest honor.

Steven Coniglio hits an iron to the green.





Acclaimed artist and Rancho patient Ann Ruth skydives over Southern California. Ann overcame a major spinal cord injury to earn a Master's degree and serve on several nonprofit and government boards and statewide committees. She also holds an executive position in a technology company.