



Palomar Health

A California Public Health District, San Diego County Institution

Our Mission:

To heal, comfort and promote health in the communities we serve.

A Health-Care District:

California policymakers and community leaders passed the Local Hospital District Law in 1946 in response to a growing population and a shortage of hospital beds and medical resources. The law created independent health-care districts, in which locally controlled funds could be accessed and dedicated to meet the specific health and medical needs. Today, California has more than 70 health-care districts throughout the state.

Palomar Health is a public health district in northern San Diego County with origins that can be traced back to 1933. It is overseen by a publicly elected board of directors and provides a wide range of medical services through hospitals in Escondido and Poway, and several other facilities in the region.

Palomar Health District at a Glance:

Palomar Health is one of the largest employers in San Diego County with about 4,000 employees and is affiliated with more than 800 physicians. About 1,700 people will work at the new Palomar Medical Center in west Escondido.

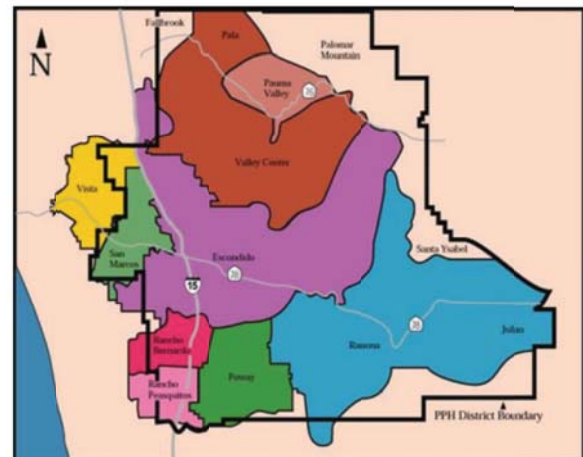
Palomar Health is a public entity, organized during the post-World War II years with the intention of building what was at the time a much-needed hospital in Escondido.

Today, it is comprehensive health-care system that generates nearly \$2 billion in gross revenues annually, with an annual operating budget of more than \$500 million. The majority of its revenues come from federal and state reimbursement for medical services, private insurance and cash payments.

Palomar Health has taken significant steps over the years to address the needs of the district's increasingly diverse and growing population while strengthening its position as the leading health-care provider in Inland North County.

Who We Serve:

With a service area of more than 800 square miles, Palomar Health is the largest public health district by area in California, and one of the largest in the United States. About 507,000 people live in the 64-year-old district, whose boundaries include Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Ramona, Julian, Valley Center, Santa Ysabel and Pauma Valley. In addition, Palomar Health is a county-designated trauma district with a coverage area of 2,200 square miles.



Visit www.pph.org for more information on Palomar Health Facilities.

Palomar Health is a member of the Association of California Healthcare Districts and the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, HASD&IC. For more information on California Healthcare Districts, visit: www.achd.org.