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Aug. 24 Ceremony to Mark Opening of New Hospital Floor at Sacramento VA

Latest VA upgrade features cutting-edge technology, home environment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The [Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System](#) (VA NorCal) will hold a ceremony to celebrate the opening of the renovated fourth floor at the Sacramento VA Medical Center 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at 10535 Hospital Way in Mather, California. Credentialed media are welcome.

“This floor is VA NorCal’s latest effort to incorporate cutting-edge technology and health care best practices across our facilities,” said [David Stockwell](#), director of VA Northern California Health Care System. “But just as important was our focus on creating a home-like environment for the patients and their families. It’s important our Veterans receive high-quality, compassionate care in a setting that feels as close to home, as possible.”

Innovative features of the new fourth floor include:

- **Spacious single-patient rooms**, bringing VA NorCal into line with inpatient-care best practices
- **Sleep-friendly accommodations** for family and visitors inside the rooms
- **Advanced visual cues**, such as low-hung and colored lights for floor navigation
- **Best-in-the-industry telemetry units** to ensure accuracy in patient monitoring
- **Immediate, automated dispensing of supplies and medication** close to the bedside. Outside every 3 to 4 rooms is a network-integrated medication- and supply-dispensing machine, increasing the immediacy with which care can be administered.

The renovated fourth floor is the latest VA NorCal effort at modernizing its health care system. Other projects include a recently renovated main entrance at the Sacramento VA Medical Center and future construction of new VA outpatient clinics in Chico and Redding.

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