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# CARING EMPOWERS / GENEROSITY HEALS

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## PEGGY HERMAN NEUROSCIENCE CENTER

The Complete Continuum of Care – Plus 24/7 Emergency Services

### How we can care together, today

New equipment and technology

Equipment and technology upgrades

Programs and services support

Advanced education and training for the health care team

**TOTAL: \$2,500,000**

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### PLEASE CONSIDER ...

#### Did you know?

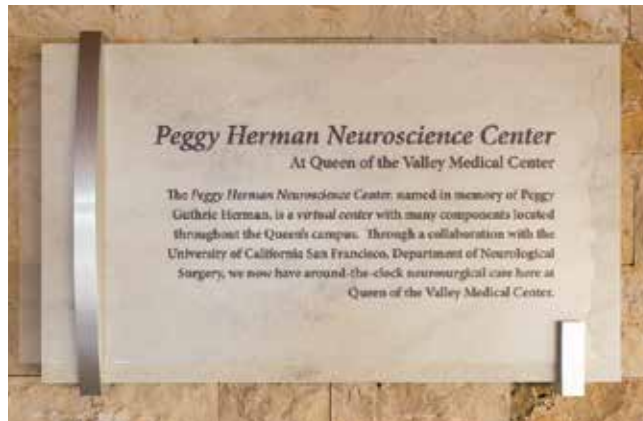
- There are over 600 known neurological disorders and conditions, ranging from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, strokes, multiple sclerosis and epilepsy to brain injuries, migraine and neuro-infections.
- Stroke is currently the third leading cause of death for Napa County residents.
- Over 1.7 million people sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) each year in the U.S.
- Children and young people up to age 19 are at the highest risk for TBI.
- Adults over age 75 are at the highest risk for hospitalization due to TBI.

**Should you or a loved one suffer a stroke, a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury, or be diagnosed with a neurological or spinal condition, it is reassuring to know that world-class care is right here at Queen of the Valley Medical Center.** The *Peggy Herman Neuroscience Center* provides exceptional stroke, brain, and spine care, 24/7. It is not a place but a process – this “virtual” center, located in various departments throughout the

medical center, offers a **complete continuum of care**, from diagnosis through treatment, rehabilitation, education and prevention.

In the past, a person who suffered a brain or spine injury in Napa County had to be referred to another facility – the closest more than an hour away. In treating these types of cases, **time is of the essence; sometimes even airlifting a patient to another location was just not fast enough to make the critical difference.** The *Peggy Herman Neuroscience Center* closed this gap when it opened in 2011. It is regionally positioned to provide neurology and spine care services to Napa County and beyond, and is staffed by a team of highly trained neurohospitalists, neurosurgeons, nurses and support personnel.

Neurohospitalist physicians in the program are neurologists with a specialty in **managing inpatients with neurologic disorders.** They have no outpatient responsibilities but, rather, provide care within the hospital, from the emergency room to discharge. The neurohospitalists also collaborate with the patient's primary care physician by providing progress reports and discharge instructions.



The Queen is also fortunate to have two full-time **neurosurgeons who are affiliated with the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)— a world leader in health care**, ranked among the top five neurology and neurosurgery programs in the nation.

This remarkable level of care, right here in our own community, comes at a cost:

- ~ The type of care required for a brain injury or other neurologic condition is ever-changing and becoming more complex.
- ~ Technology and equipment need continual upgrades.
- ~ Newer, more-effective treatment protocols require advanced training.
- ~ Health insurance reimbursements are decreasing at the same time that operational costs are skyrocketing.

Supporting the costs of new technology and equipment, education and training and community outreach and education is critical to running a strong and effective program at the *Peggy Herman Neuroscience Center*.

## THE VALUE

Neurology coverage 24/7.

Board-certified neurohospitalists and neurosurgeons.

Neurosurgery affiliation with UCSF Medical Center allows for access to all its neurological services.

The Neuroscience Center offers diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and more for:

- ~ Stroke – ischemic (clots), hemorrhagic (bleeds) and TIA (transient ischemic attack).
- ~ Neurological, spine, and brain trauma.
- ~ Brain and spine cancer.
- ~ Headaches/migraines.
- ~ Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and movement disorders.
- ~ Neurological pain and neuropathy.
- ~ Sleep disorders.