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record of over a million dispenses without a single error as well as the services they provide to ensure no extra work for our staff made them the best choice for a health organization like Molina," said **Gloria Calderon**, vice president of **California Clinic Operations**.

» Nurses at **Chino Valley Medical Center** voted to join the **United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP)** on April 2. A majority of the approximately 125 nurses working at the medical center in Chino Valley voted to join the union during a two-day vote. "As nurses, we want to create a work environment that makes it possible for us to provide the highest quality of care to our patients," said **Teer Lina**, an **RN** at Chino Valley Medical Center.

» The **Sutter Solano Cancer Center in Vallejo** has earned a three-year accreditation from the **Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (ACOS)**. "The accreditation is validation of all the outstanding teamwork and quality care that we provide," said cancer services director **Rachael Albertson**. "It also confirms for our patients that the best cancer care is available right here in **Solano County**." To earn the ACOS accreditation, Sutter Solano Cancer Center had to submit to regular evaluations and adhere to all ACOS standards.

» **California** ranked 22nd among states in the percentage of residents it vaccinated against the **H1N1 Virus**, according to a study from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**.

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The announcement drew an immediate response from Scripps Health, which operates five hospitals in San Diego County including two hospitals in La Jolla and one in Hillcrest. Scripps president and CEO **Chris Van Gorder** alleged that moving core services from Hillcrest to the more affluent La Jolla area is designed to "capture more privately insured patients" and will leave a lower-income area with fewer resources.

"Their decision to move three core services out of Hillcrest will leave the community with a shell of a hospital," said Van Gorder. "I understand it from a business standpoint and I have no problem with the competition. My main problem is that they're abandoning a community and its poor people."

In a statement, Van Gorder suggested the shifting of services will "destabilize the healthcare safety net across the region" and impact Scripps and other healthcare providers in the area. "Moving healthcare services from an underserved community will create a ripple effect with all providers in the region. If UCSD provides fewer services in Hillcrest, the other providers, such as Scripps, will be responsible for a larger share of the underserved communities."

He also suggested that moving some services out of Hillcrest in 2016 could be the start of UCSD's complete move out of the area. The UCSD Hillcrest facility must undergo seismic repairs to meet new state safety codes by 2030. A UCSD spokesperson said UCSD "has a desire to rebuild in Hillcrest" and that the project "is still in the planning stages."

UC San Diego Health System CEO Tom Jackiewicz responded to Van Gorder's comments by saying there will be only a slight reduction in the number of beds and services at its Hillcrest hospital in 2016.

"The UC San Diego Health System continues to be committed to serving the Hillcrest community in both the short- and long-term," said Jackiewicz. "We are currently licensed for 398 non-psychiatric beds at Hillcrest and we operate approximately 321. Our average daily census is 255. When Jacobs Medical Center opens we plan to operate up to 300 beds in Hillcrest, mostly single-patient beds, and we are planning no net reduction in overall census."

Jackiewicz also denied that UCSD would leave other providers in Hillcrest with an unfair burden, stating that UCSD "will retain the same volume of ambulatory care in Hillcrest that we have today."

When complete, the 10-story Jacobs Medical Center will include three separate hospitals under one roof devoted to cancer care, women and infant services, and advanced surgery. The 490,000-square-foot hospital will be named after Irwin Jacobs and his wife Joan, who donated \$75 million toward construction. Jacobs is the founder and CEO of San Diego-based high tech company

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