FACT SHEET: UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco

• The 163-bed UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco cares for more than 50,000 kids each year and 130 hospitalized babies and children each day.

• 300 UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco specialists ranked “best in their field” by Best Doctors, Inc.

• UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco is home to more than 240 pediatricians and specialists in more than 60 areas of medicine.

• UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco is the only California state-designated children’s medical center in San Francisco.

• UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco is a center for the training of leaders in pediatric specialties and sub-specialties. The UCSF Pediatric Residency Program is consistently ranked among the top programs in the country.

• The UCSF Pediatric Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center is the only center of its kind in the country with leading experts who provide comprehensive care for childhood stroke.

• UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco is home to one of the largest pediatric heart centers in the nation.

Firsts at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco

• UCSF physicians performed the first successful surgery on a baby in the womb and remain the undisputed leaders worldwide in the field of fetal diagnosis and treatment.

• The Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco was one of the first of its kind in the world. Founded in 1964, the 50-bed nursery cares for more than 1,000 infants a year.

• UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco opened the nation’s first Neuro-Intensive Care Nursery (NICN) in November 2008. The unit brings together clinical research with specialized treatments for infants who show signs of brain damage at birth.
• UCSF physicians developed the first MRI-compatible incubator for infants, enabling fragile newborns to receive critical diagnostic testing without being removed from their cribs

• UCSF pioneered the field of pediatric anesthesiology, integrating pharmacological and behavioral approaches to relieving pain and ensuring safer surgical procedures for children.

• UCSF developed the field of pediatric palliative care and is recognized as a national leader in the care of children with life-threatening and terminal conditions.

Research at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco

• UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco are involved in more than 400 research protocols led by more than 500 investigators researching cures for hundreds of pediatric and adult diseases.

• UCSF has ranked among the nation’s top institutions in NIH funding for more than two decades.

• UCSF researchers identified the gene for x-linked severe combined immunodeficiency and implemented the SCID test that is now part of all newborn screening in California to identify the condition in infancy and cure it through gene therapy.

• UCSF researchers discovered that a substance missing from premature babies’ lungs was the leading cause of death among premature newborns and developed a synthetic replacement that reduced related infant mortality in the developed world by half within two years of its introduction.

UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital at Mission Bay

Opening February 2015, the 183-bed children’s hospital will be part of a hospital complex dedicated to women’s, children’s and cancer care.

In addition to the revolutionary medical research and specialized patient care UCSF is known for, the new children’s hospital will feature:

• A rooftop helipad to bring critically ill newborns, children and pregnant women to UCSF from outlying community hospitals for the most advanced, lifesaving medical care.

• San Francisco’s only emergency room designed for children.

• Private or semi-private rooms in the new intensive care nursery (ICN).

• Patient rooms equipped with wireless high-speed Internet, interactive media walls, locking storage closets, refrigerators and extendable sofas designed for overnight stays.

• A fully accredited San Francisco Unified School District classroom on site.