8 VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
The 29-acre San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center (SFVAMC) Fort Miley Campus is located in the northwest area of the City, adjacent to the Outer Richmond District neighborhood (Figure 1). It is bounded by Clement Street and Seal Rock Drive and the outer Richmond District neighborhood to the south, and otherwise by the National Park Service's Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). SFVAMC also leases space in 1700 Owens Street, west of UCSF's Mission Bay campus site.

SFVAMC has three overarching missions: patient care, medical education, and scholarship. The SFVAMC is home to the Northern California Institute for Research and Education (NCIRE), a non-profit with the mission to improve the health and well-being of veterans and the general population by supporting world-class biomedical research programs conducted by UCSF faculty. SFVAMC-based faculty are supported by more National Institute of Health grants than any other hospital in the VA system.

The SFVAMC is owned by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA) and has been affiliated with UCSF as a teaching hospital for over 50 years. All physicians are jointly recruited by the VA and the UCSF School of Medicine. UCSF faculty and staff – 189 clinical residents and fellows and 40 allied health professionals – are SFVAMC employees. Annually, more than 700 UCSF trainees from 36 programs rotate through the SFVAMC, providing one-third of all of UCSF's medical training. The SFVAMC has no independent training programs of its own.

Although UCSF faculty and their practices are physically located at the SFVAMC site, UCSF does not lease or otherwise control any of the space. For this and other reasons, SFVAMC space is not part of the proposed space program in this LRDP.
8.1 EXISTING SETTING

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8.2 SFVAMC PLANNING EFFORTS

The SFVAMC 2012 LRDP\(^1\) and the updated 2014 LRDP\(^2\) (prepared by SFVAMC, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) identified the need to retrofit existing buildings, in order to meet the most recent seismic safety requirements, and to expand its research program at another off-site location. The SFVAMC’s LRDP has a planning horizon of 2027; it was developed to meet the SFVAMC’s particular requirements and is unrelated to UCSF’s LRDP. In 2013, the SFVAMC established a 42,000-square-foot research center at 1700 Owens Street in the Mission Bay area; the SFVAMC intends to lease this space for 10 years. SFVAMC also plans to begin construction of a 100,000 gsfs laboratory building at the Fort Miley Campus in 2015 as part of its seismic upgrade requirements. Due to space limitations on the Fort Miley Campus, the SFVAMC is working to establish a larger, permanent academic presence in the Mission Bay area. Any real estate and operating transaction would require federal Office of Management and Budget approval and legislation would need to be approved by Congress.

UCSF expects to maintain its activities as an affiliated institution at the SFVAMC, and no changes in uses are proposed.

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1. [www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/docs/SFVAMC_LRDp.pdf](http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/docs/SFVAMC_LRDp.pdf)