

Cedars-Sinai Affiliation FAQs

Why is Cedars-Sinai affiliating with Torrance Memorial?

Increasingly, the public is asking for healthcare that is accessible, coordinated, efficient, high-quality and affordable. One of the ways for Cedars-Sinai to achieve that is to develop a variety of partnerships, affiliations and other relationships—in a variety of locations—which we have been doing for several years. The affiliation with Torrance Memorial fits well with that approach.

Although smaller in size and scope than Cedars-Sinai, Torrance Memorial has a similar culture, including a longstanding track record of serving the community. In addition, we have worked together recently on several collaborative projects, and have developed a very positive and productive working relationship. Torrance Memorial's reputation as a high-quality community healthcare organization also complements Cedars-Sinai's strengths as an academic medical center.

Will Torrance Memorial employees now become Cedars-Sinai employees? Will Torrance Memorial physicians now become part of the Cedars-Sinai medical staff?

No. Each institution will continue to operate separately, with separate employees and medical staffs. Each institution will continue to have its own board of directors.

If each institution will continue to operate separately, what does the affiliation mean?

The affiliation is designed to optimize two aspects: enable each institution to continue to fulfill its mission and maintain the unique relationships each has with the communities it serves and with its physicians, while providing a platform for a wide variety of collaborations to better serve the region. These collaborations could include clinical trials, population health initiatives, shared resources and access to highly specialized care for more people.

Among the initial areas for collaboration are advanced treatments for cancer, heart disease and brain disorders. Cedars-Sinai specialists in these areas will work with Torrance Memorial physicians to provide clinical consultations for their patients and streamline patient access to clinical trials and new technologies.

To provide a governance structure for these collaborations and shared resources, both Cedars-Sinai and Torrance Memorial—including their respective hospitals, physician networks and ambulatory facilities—will be part of a new parent entity called Cedars-Sinai Health System. The board of the parent entity is composed of representatives from both institutions.

Is the proposed affiliation with Torrance Memorial similar to our acquisition of Marina Del Rey Hospital?

No. Cedars-Sinai acquired Marina Del Rey Hospital through a purchase. The affiliation with Torrance Memorial is not an acquisition or a purchase. Cedars-Sinai and Torrance Memorial are part of a new governance structure intended to enhance healthcare services in the region.

Does the affiliation mean that Cedars-Sinai departments will now provide managerial oversight of their counterparts at Torrance Memorial?

No. Both organizations will continue to operate separately. Torrance Memorial will continue to be led by its president and CEO, Craig Leach, and Cedars-Sinai by its president and CEO, Tom Priselac. Tom Priselac also will serve as president and CEO of the parent entity, Cedars-Sinai Health System. Over time, the health system will lead and coordinate opportunities for sharing resources between Cedars-Sinai and Torrance Memorial, and for developing innovative programs that bridge the entire health system to better serve patients and the community.