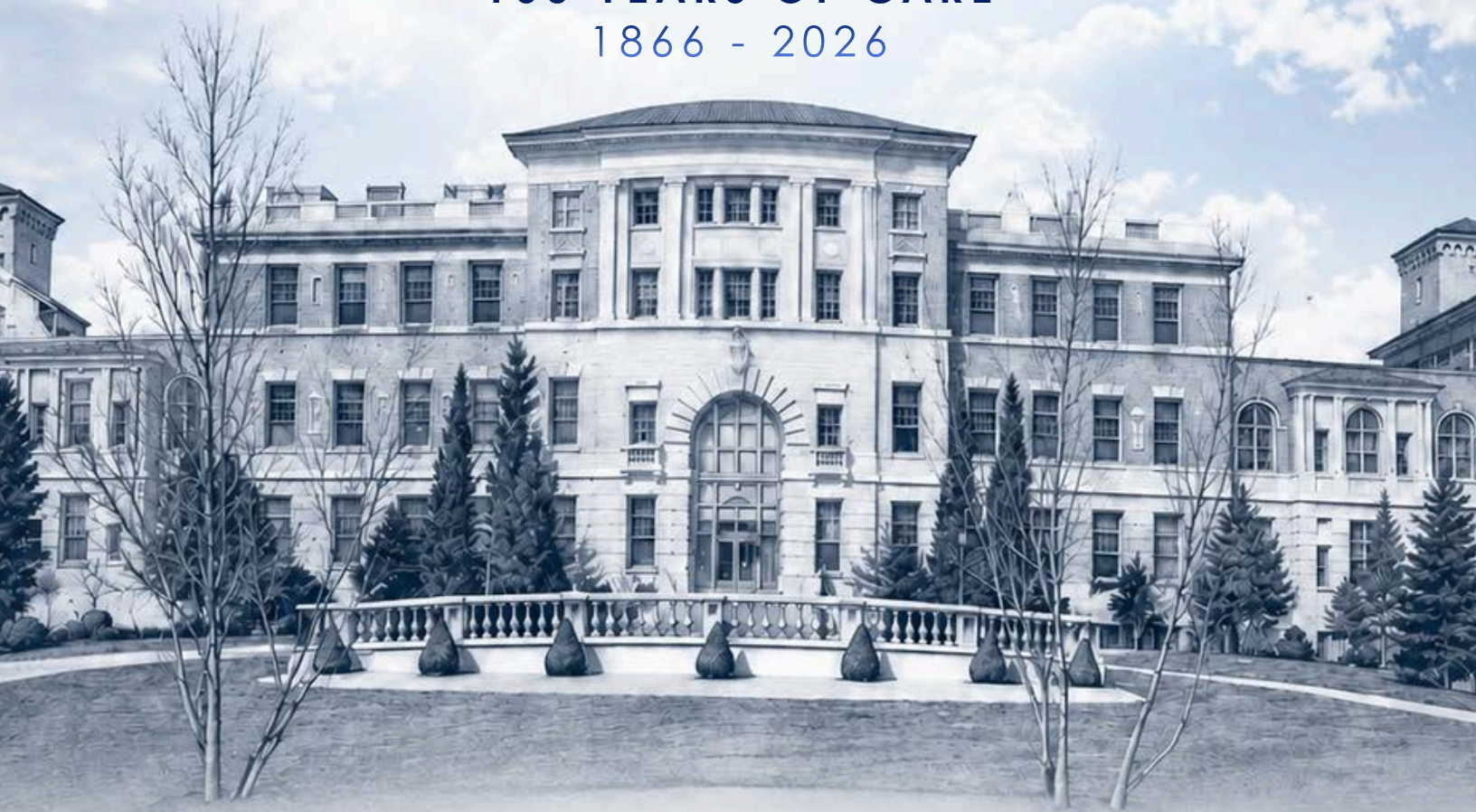


2026

IMPACT REPORT

160 YEARS OF CARE

1866 - 2026



70 YEARS OF ACCREDITED TEACHING

1956 - 2026



CELEBRATING 160 YEARS

A history shaped by the community we serve

For 160 years, Kern Medical has grown alongside Kern County, caring for the people who call this community home. Generations of physicians, nurses and staff have shaped that legacy through a shared commitment to providing exceptional care and meeting the evolving needs of the community.

That same commitment has shaped Kern Medical's role as an accredited teaching hospital for 70 years, educating and training the next generation of physicians while carrying forward a tradition of learning, leadership and excellence in patient care.



About Us

Kern Medical is a leading Central Valley healthcare organization and a proud tertiary referral center, academic teaching institution and safety net hospital. With a 222-bed acute care hospital and a growing network of primary and specialty care offices, we provide exceptional, patient-centered care to the diverse communities we serve. Through compassionate care, medical education and continued innovation, Kern Medical is committed to improving the health and well-being of our community.

Our Mission

Leading the way to a healthier you and toward community wellness through excellence in medicine, teaching and research.

Our Values

Compassion

Equity

Integrity

Stewardship

Innovation

Our Vision

Kern Medical, your trusted provider of essential health and wellness in an integrated academic medical system.



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Scott Thygeron - Chief Executive Officer

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Rick McPheeters, DO - Chief Medical Officer

Tonya Barazza - Chief Nursing Officer

Karen Barnes - Vice President & General Counsel

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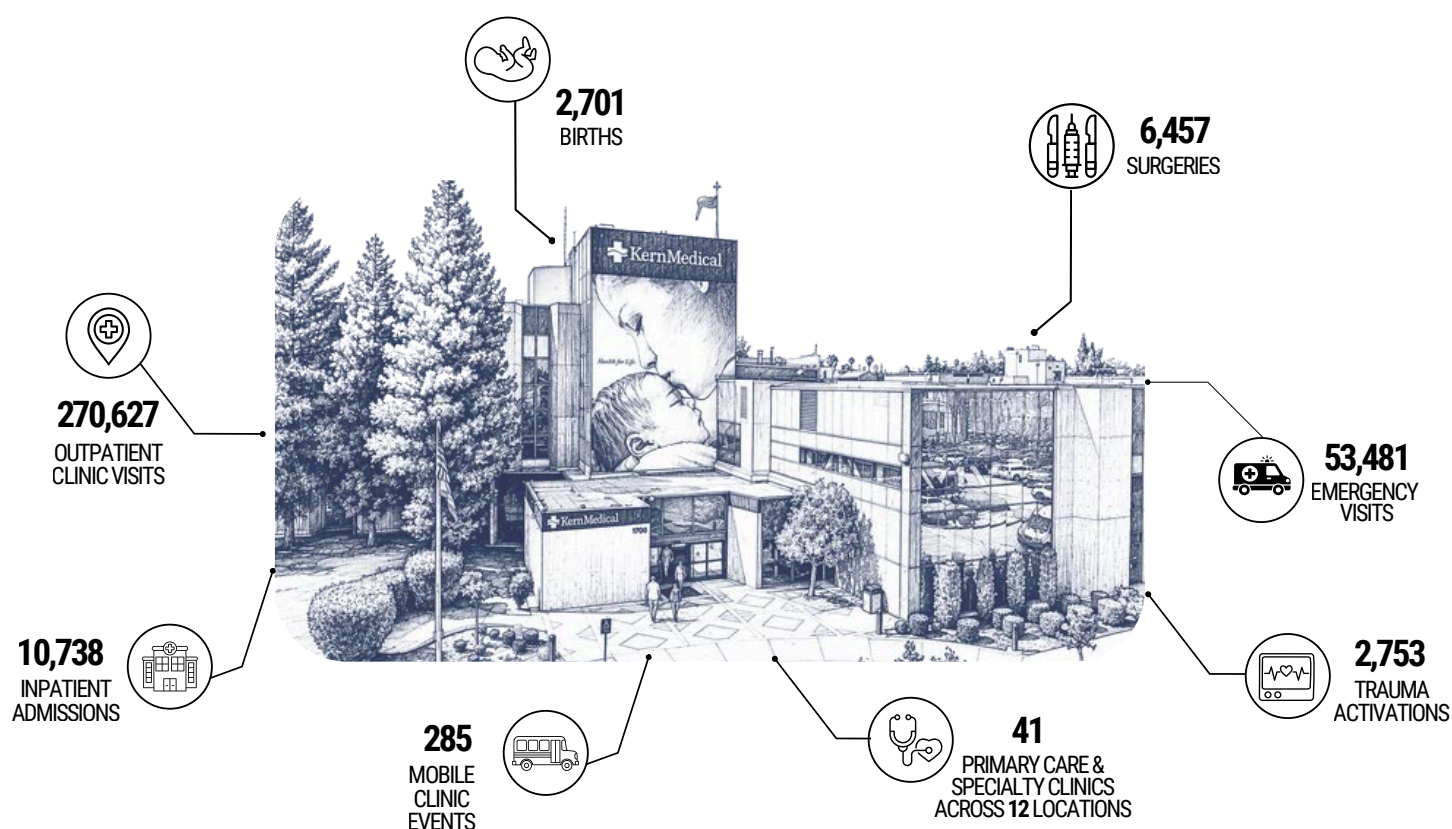
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Division Chief of Pediatrics

Matthew Clarke, MD
Member at Large

Kasey Fox, DO
Member at Large

KERN MEDICAL BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR 2026



A YEAR OF CARE. A LASTING IMPACT.

Behind every number is a story. A new beginning, a life saved, a patient supported, or a family helped. Together, these moments reflect Kern Medical's continued dedication to improving the health and well-being of the community we proudly serve.

Fiscal Year 2026

Where our income came from:

OPERATING REVENUES

Net Patient Service Revenue and Patient Care Funding	\$629,277,106
County Indigent Funding	\$3,422,531
Other Operating Revenue	\$20,729,685
Total Operating Revenue	\$653,429,322

66% of our funding comes from Medicaid programs.

Where it went:

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$415,398,109
Services and Supplies	\$163,965,130
Other Expenses	\$27,597,871
Depreciation and Amortization	\$15,879,886
Total Operating Expenses	\$622,840,996
Operating Gain	\$30,588,326

**\$415
million**

annually in
salaries and
benefits for over
2,500 staff

Did You *Know*?

A closer look at the care, expertise, and services you may not know about.

1 Specialized Sickle Cell Care

Kern Medical's Sickle Cell Clinic provides specialized, ongoing care for patients living with sickle cell disease, bringing dedicated expertise for this complex condition to our community.

2 Expertise in Valley Fever

Our newly located Valley Fever Institute on Stockdale Highway provides specialized care, education, and research focused on Valley Fever, a disease closely tied to our region and the people who live here.

3 High-Risk Pregnancy Care

Kern Medical provides advanced care for high-risk and complicated pregnancies, giving mothers and babies access to specialized expertise and resources throughout pregnancy and delivery.

4 Comprehensive Diabetes Care

Kern Medical's Diabetes Clinic provides specialized treatment, education, and ongoing support to help patients manage diabetes and improve their long-term health.

5 Women's Imaging Center

Kern Medical's Women's Imaging Center expands access to specialized breast and diagnostic imaging, providing important screening and diagnostic services for women in our community.

6 Addiction Care Beyond the Clinic

Kern Medical's Addiction Medicine services extend beyond traditional healthcare settings through street and shelter-based medicine, including care at the Brundage Lane Navigation Center, helping connect vulnerable patients with treatment and ongoing support.

7 Excellence in Cancer Care

Kern Medical's Cancer Program has maintained continuous accreditation for more than 45 years, marking a longstanding commitment to comprehensive cancer care in Kern County.

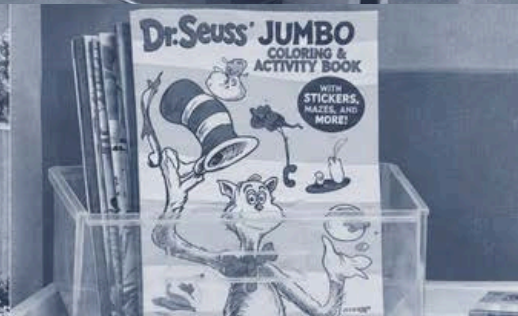




New Pediatric ER

Since opening in January 2026, Kern Medical's Pediatric Emergency Department has provided specialized, compassionate care for infants, children, and teens. With dedicated treatment rooms, pediatric-sized equipment, and a team trained in pediatric emergency care, the department provides a child-focused environment for our youngest patients when they need us most.

OPENED
JANUARY
2026



Pediatric Clinic Expansion

Our expanded pediatric clinic located at 9300 Stockdale Highway, provides families with greater access to high-quality pediatric services. The modern space features updated exam rooms, a comfortable waiting area, and a welcoming environment designed with children and parents in mind.

OUR PEDIATRIC TEAM

Thiagarajan (Raj) Nandhagopal, MD

Chair, Family Medicine

Parameswaran S. Aiylam, MD

Pediatrician

LuLua Mandviwala, MD

Pediatrician

Ranjani Panithi, MD, MPH, FAAP

Pediatrician

Abu Taher, MD, FAAP

Pediatrician

Suzanne Pardo, MD

Pediatrician

Chezhiyan Murugesan, MD

Pediatric Hospitalist

Janice Ray, NP

Judith Guarneros, NP

Hidalia Foster, NP

Rod Clamonte, NP

Margaret Aten, PA

Ken Hutchins, PA



CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY CLINIC

One Year of Care



Our new Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic, located on F Street, celebrated its first anniversary, marking a year of growth and expanded access to compassionate mental health care for children, teens and families in our community.



Moms

Many women of Kern Medical balance the roles of motherhood and medicine every day, bringing compassion, perspective, and purpose to the care they provide our community.



KATELYN FUREY, MD Gynecologic Oncology Physician

Both being a mother and a physician provide me with an incredible sense of purpose. Mothers in medicine are some of the strongest people I know – we carry enormous responsibility for our patients and our families and constantly strive to balance being fully present for both. Motherhood has made me more intentional about how I spend my time. It provides me with perspective and a love for the ordinary, healthy days with my family. It has also made me more aware that the work we do matters not only to our patients, but the families who depend on them. In gynecologic oncology, I often meet women during one of the most challenging seasons of their lives. I'm more conscious now of the life surrounding the person sitting in front of me: the children they're raising, the people who love them and everything they're afraid of losing. To my fellow mothers in medicine – pumping in the break room, exhausted after a sleepless night, missing another bedtime – I see you.



AMBER JONES, DO Chief, Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery, Surgical Residency Program Director, Trauma Medical Director

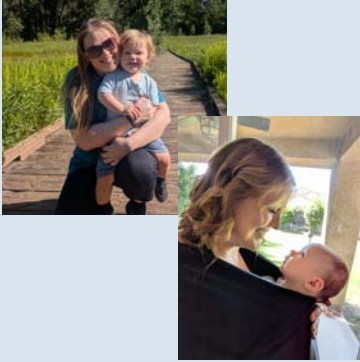
Being both a surgeon and a mom has allowed me to recognize the importance of fixing the body in combination with aiding the connection and love shared by families and friends. Patients come each day with physical ailments that can be fixed by medicine or surgery but more often, it is not only the physiologic condition but also the support and encouragement of a loved one that completes the picture. The joy that comes with healing both the physical body and the emotional ties yields substantial and lasting results for the patient, family and also this doctor.



ALEXANDRA ELIAS, MD Director, Colorectal Surgery & Robotic Surgical Education, General Surgery Residency Associate Program Director

I care for my patients as if they are family, and being a mom helps me do that. Sometimes patients and trainees need a mother's "tough love," and sometimes they simply need a hug, and I'm able to recognize and provide both. Being a mom and a surgeon also means I'm always thinking several steps ahead, planning, adapting, and pivoting with grace. Motherhood has given me a deeper understanding of patients who are also caretakers, their desire to be home and healthy for the people who depend on them, and the role I play in helping them achieve that. And at the end of the day, one of the most rewarding parts is knowing my kids are proud to say their mom is a surgeon.

in Medicine



KASEY FOX, DO

Internal Medicine Residency Program Director, Hospitalist

Being both a mom and a healthcare professional has given me an even deeper appreciation for the trust, vulnerability, and responsibility that come with caring for my patients. Becoming a mother has made me even more empathetic and has strengthened the way I connect with patients and their families, especially during moments of uncertainty or fear. It has also reminded me every day of the importance of balancing compassion, resilience, and presence—both at home and in my work caring for others.



SANGEETA CHANDRAMAHANTI, MD, FACE

Chief, Division of Endocrinology

Finding balance between being a mom and a health care professional isn't always easy. Motherhood has made me more patient and empathetic as well as aware of the challenges my patients face. I understand more deeply that behind every patient is a family. It's not always about finding the perfect balance. It's about showing up, doing my best, and reminding my children that they can pursue their dreams while still being present for the people they love.



TONYA BARRAZA, MSN, RN

Chief Nursing Officer

Being both a mom and a healthcare professional means carrying two incredibly meaningful responsibilities that have shaped who I am. Being a mom has changed the way I see healthcare and the way I lead. It taught me that every patient is someone's mother, father, child, or loved one, and behind every clinical situation is a person and a family who may be experiencing one of the most difficult moments of their lives. Balancing motherhood and a career in healthcare has not always been easy, but it has taught me the value of perseverance, prioritization, and surrounding myself with a strong support system. My children have also been an incredible source of motivation. I want them to see that it is possible to pursue a meaningful career, lead with purpose, and still be present for the people who matter most.



A RECORD YEAR FOR
MEDICAL EDUCATION

250+ **RESIDENTS, FELLOWS &
MEDICAL STUDENTS**

TRAINING AT KERN MEDICAL
IN 2026-2027



ACROSS **13** SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

In its 70th year of accredited teaching, Kern Medical is proud to welcome a record 162 residents and fellows across 13 specialty programs. These talented physicians represent the future of healthcare in our community and beyond, bringing new ideas, diverse perspectives, and a shared commitment to compassionate, high-quality care.



A LOOK BACK

KEY MILESTONES IN OUR TEACHING HISTORY

Across generations, Kern Medical has been a place to learn, grow, and make a difference. From our early days of resident training to today's expanding programs, generations of physicians and healthcare professionals have built their futures here while serving our community.

***A legacy of learning.
Generations of impact.***

THE NEXT GENERATION

Kern Medical is committed to education, research, and mentorship, providing the next generation of physicians with the skills and experience they need to build successful careers and deliver high-quality, compassionate care for the patients of Kern County.

OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS



Emergency
Medicine



Family
Medicine



Internal
Medicine



Obstetrics &
Gynecology



General
Surgery



Psychiatry



Clinical
Pharmacy



Addiction
Medicine



Addiction
Psychiatry



Child & Adolescent
Psychiatry



Infectious
Disease



Transitional
Year



Simulation
Fellowship



Medical
Students

NEW



MARAH SUKKAR, MD
Program Director

Transitional Year Residency

Launched in July 2026, Kern Medical's new Transitional Year Residency program is designed to be a bridge to advanced specialty training. The one-year program will provide comprehensive clinical experience for physicians pursuing careers in highly specialized fields including Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, and Radiology.

One of the Oldest OBGYN Programs in the County!

Kern Medical's Obstetrics & Gynecology residency predates the ACGME, reflecting a legacy of physician education that reaches back more than 70 years.

A legacy of training for healthier generations





What We Do

Kern Medical Foundation proudly partners with our community and government agencies to secure funds and resources necessary to support Kern Medical's life-changing and life-saving programs. By raising additional financial support, the Foundation has secured funds for patient services, facilities, equipment, medical education and research.

Who We Are

Kern Medical Foundation operates as a not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions qualify for tax deductions under state and federal regulations.

Our Impact

- Cardiopulmonary Services (EEG)
- Labor & Delivery Fetal Monitoring
- Medical Education
- Medication Assistance and Recovery Clinic
- Oncology & Infusion Services
- Oncology Navigation
- Outpatient Pediatric Patient Programs
- Palliative Care
- Pediatric Emergency Room
- Physician Training
- Simulation Center
- Social Services
- Support for Sickle Cell Patients
- Valley Fever Institute

For more information, contact us at foundation@kernmedical.com or call 661-321-7460.



Natalee Garrett
Vice President of Development,
Executive Director of the Kern
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Alexandra Campos
Senior Director



Micaela Albiar
Grants Manager

***Learn
more***





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Connecting our community
through better health.

Health for Life is a monthly podcast hosted by Kern Medical's marketing team that dives deep into the health topics that matter most to you and your family. Each episode features conversations with expert physicians from Kern Medical, covering a wide range of topics—from Valley Fever and Endometriosis to Bariatric Surgery, Addiction Medicine, and more. Health for Life delivers expert insight with a local touch. Because your health is more than a moment—**it's for life.**

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with Dr. Kate B. Furey



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