

## WEGIVE PURCHASES

**YOUTH/ EDUCATION: Summer Scholars Program** at Ventura County Medical Center offers a unique summer internship designed to expose undergraduate college students to diverse careers within the healthcare field by immersing them in a professional medical environment. Each student is tasked with fulfilling a research project throughout the intensive 8-week program.

**VCMC: A Nursing Practice Consultant** aims to facilitate a comprehensive review of the professional nursing practice model and the development of a shared governance structure. These efforts will support Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) in advancing toward Magnet recognition, a distinction that will enhance nursing recruitment and retention.

**EMERGENCY/ TRAUMA: The SPARQ Point of Care Ultrasound Upgrade** enhances the capabilities of the portable ultrasound system, offering improved image quality, faster processing, and greater versatility for quick, on-site diagnostics.

**EMERGENCY/ TRAUMA: The SPARQ Hockey Stick Probe** is a narrow, specialized ultrasound probe that enables precise imaging of hard-to-reach areas, such as small joints, superficial structures, and vascular or musculoskeletal regions.

**LABORATORY: A MALDI TOF Vitek Machine** revolutionizes microbial identification through rapid and precise mass spectrometry. Its capabilities promise to revolutionize VCMC's diagnostic processes, enhancing accuracy and efficiency in patient care.

**OBSTETRICS: Boppy Breast Feeding Pillows** are designed to improve breastfeeding success by offering comfort and positioning support, fostering a positive breastfeeding experience for both mother and child.

**LABORATORY/ FLU & COVID-19: Cepheid's GeneXpert system** is a molecular diagnostics platform that provides rapid, accurate PCR-based testing for various infectious diseases, using specially designed cartridges for tests like COVID-19 and tuberculosis.

**NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT: Breast Milk Warmers** ensure proper thawing of breast milk, prevent waste by eliminating the need for large disposable bags, and provide babies with access to their mother's milk, even when she's unavailable to nurse.

**PEDIATRICS: A Pediatric Transilluminator Vein Finder** is a portable medical device that helps healthcare professionals easily locate difficult-to-find veins in children, reducing the need for multiple pokes and minimizing fear and distress in young pediatric patients.

**ADDICTION MEDICINE:** A **Radiofrequency Ablation** uses targeted heat to cauterize damaged nerves causing chronic pain in the back and other areas, offering a valuable alternative to opioid use for pain management.

**ONCOLOGY/BREAST CANCER:** A **Lymph Node Seeker** is a medical device that assists surgeons in identifying potentially cancerous lymph nodes for removal, leading to improved patient outcomes and a reduced risk of cancer recurrence.

**PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY/TRAUMA:** A **Broselow Crash Cart** is a specialized emergency cart designed for pediatric patients, containing essential medical equipment, medications, and supplies organized by weight-based color coding. This system ensures quick access to appropriate resources during critical situations.

**EMERGENCY/TRAUMA:** The **Tono-Pen Ocular Device** is a handheld ocular device used to measure intraocular pressure (IOP) in the eye, which helps in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma.

**OBSTETRICS/ FAMILY MEDICINE:** The **Centering Pregnancy Program** creates a supportive, community-based environment where expectant mothers can connect, learn, and find encouragement throughout their pregnancy journey. Through interactive group sessions led by skilled program facilitators, participants gain valuable knowledge and support in a nurturing setting.

**CRITICAL CARE UNIT:** **TruRize Mobility Chairs** are designed to encourage early patient mobility while giving caregivers the confidence to safely assist patients in transitioning from sitting to standing and other positions. Promoting patient mobility is essential for recovery and significantly contributes to improved patient outcomes.

**CRITICAL CARE UNIT:** The **Prismax CRRT** is a renal therapy system that provides personalized and effective treatment for critically ill patients, particularly beneficial in managing severe cases of COVID-19 by supporting kidney function and balancing fluid levels.

**OPERATING ANESTHESIA:** A **FUJIFILM Sonosite Ultrasound** is a portable, high-quality imaging system that provides real-time diagnostic images for quick decision-making in emergency, critical care, and outpatient settings.

**PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT:** The **Laborie Portascan 3D Ultrasound Bladder Scanner** non-invasively measures ultrasonic differentiation in the urinary bladder from the surrounding tissue assisting with patient experience and minimizing urinary tract infections. This gentle approach prioritizes the comfort and confidence of pediatric patients, which improves patient experience and minimizes risk when compared to invasive methods.

**OBSTETRICS:** The **Postpartum Hemorrhage Cart** ensures healthcare providers have quick, organized access to essential tools and medications, enabling a prompt response to postpartum hemorrhage and supporting the mother's well-being.

**CLINICS:** The **Spot Monitor Vital Sign Machine** is a medical device used to quickly measure and monitor a patient's key vital signs, such as heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen saturation. It provides healthcare providers with immediate, accurate data to assess a patient's condition and make informed decisions.

**NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT:** The **Kangaroo Board Transport** is a vital tool for safely transferring patients, especially those with mobility limitations or in need of assistance due to illness or injury. Effective training and clear communication among healthcare providers are essential to ensure safe, efficient transfers, reducing the risk of injury to both patients and caregivers.

**EDUCATION:** The **Site-Rite Ultrasound (PICC Line Placement Machine)** offers real-time imaging guidance, helping healthcare providers identify optimal insertion sites, navigate the procedure, and confirm accurate catheter placement, thereby improving patient care and minimizing complications associated with PICC line insertion.

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT/ COVID-19: iPads and stands** were purchased to enhance the experience of isolated COVID-19 inpatients. These devices enabled seamless communication with nurses, doctors, and family members, providing emotional support and reducing the sense of isolation during hospital stays.

**NICU RESPIRATORY:** The **SenTec Digital Monitoring System** offers precise and dependable non-invasive monitoring of oxygen saturation and pulse rate, making it an essential tool across diverse clinical settings such as hospitals, emergency departments, intensive care units, and ambulatory care facilities.

**OBSTETRICS: Blood Pressure Cuffs** play a crucial role in the early detection of potential complications, enabling timely intervention and improved postpartum care. If a postpartum mother notices abnormal readings or experiences symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, or visual disturbances, she should promptly contact her healthcare provider.

**NICU:** A **MamaRoo Baby Swing** offers comfort and soothing motion, supports developmental needs, enhances bonding experiences for families, and assists healthcare professionals in closely monitoring the baby's condition.

**HOMELESS BACKPACK MEDICINE: Humanities Account for Vulnerable and Underserved (HAVU)** is a stop-gap program dedicated to providing essential medication, co-pay



assistance, and basic necessities to the most vulnerable and underserved populations in Ventura County. By addressing these critical needs, HAVU ensures access to fundamental services for individuals who might otherwise be denied these vital resources.

**PEDIATRICS/FAMILY MEDICINE:** The **Reach Out and Read Program** at Las Islas Clinic and Academic Family Medicine Center is supported with bilingual children's books to promote early literacy, foster child development, engage families, and integrate literacy promotion into pediatric healthcare. Pediatric patients receive a book at each visit, allowing them to build their own home library over time.