

Novato Outpatient Imaging Center

Providing MRIs, ultrasounds, and x-rays to support diagnosis and state-of-the-art care in the North Bay

Funding Goal: \$750,000

Primary care physicians, neurologists and neurosurgeons, spine specialists, orthopedists, cardiologists, gastroenterologists — these are just some of the medical professionals who rely on advanced imaging technologies to help them diagnose illness and provide the most effective care possible. Convenient access to clear, precise, and accurate images captured by x-ray, ultrasound, or MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) is essential to the quality of their work and the health of their patients.

MarinHealth meets the needs of its community with a leading-edge imaging program, including MRI capabilities, through facilities located in Greenbrae that enable local physicians and radiologists to partner closely in patient care. But local demand for high-quality imaging is growing rapidly, particularly as MarinHealth extends its reach into the North Bay.

Our community healthcare network now includes a broad spectrum of providers in the North Bay, with small clinics consolidating to create a hub in Petaluma. But MarinHealth does not currently offer advanced imaging capabilities in the area. Today, patients from Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Novato, Napa, and Sonoma must travel to our main facility in Greenbrae for MRIs and other needs. And with the Greenbrae MRI already operating close to capacity, it's becoming more difficult to accommodate increasing demand from across our territory.

With philanthropic support, MarinHealth will expand access to advanced imaging services in the North Bay by building a new facility in Novato, equipped with the latest technology. Physicians in the area will be able to refer their patients to our new imaging center for x-rays, ultrasounds, or MRIs, offering a critical element of care close to home. In addition to making care more convenient and comprehensive in the North Bay, this new facility will reduce demand on our Greenbrae facility, improving access for patients across our operating area.



“As we expand our clinics throughout the North Bay and beyond, it is essential that we increase access for our patients to the latest, state-of-the-art imaging technologies. A resident of Santa Rosa myself, I know how important it is to provide comprehensive, high-quality care close to home.”

— Karin Shavelson,
MD, FAAP
Chief Medical Officer,
MarinHealth Medical
Center & Network

Sophisticated Imaging Close to Home in the North Bay

Anyone, anywhere, at any age may someday need access to x-ray, ultrasound, or MRI services to support comprehensive care. And when they do need advanced imaging support, they will want it close to home, in a location where it's easy to get an appointment, supported by a system that lets physicians and radiologists confer closely and share information easily.

MarinHealth facilitates advanced imaging for thousands of patients each year, and those numbers are expected to grow significantly as technology evolves to offer more sophisticated imaging capabilities that improve and save lives. Our future North Bay imaging center, to be located in Novato, will dramatically expand MarinHealth's ability to meet growing demand for x-rays, ultrasounds, and MRIs.

Because of the square footage and space configuration needed to accommodate specialized equipment, new construction is planned for the Novato imaging center. In addition to building a facility, the project will include the purchase of leading-edge ultrasound, x-ray, and MRI equipment, plus supporting information technology.

Anticipated to open by early 2025, the Novato imaging center will make essential imaging more accessible and convenient for North Bay patients, enabling our local physicians to sustain the excellent care quality for which MarinHealth is known. Being able to serve North Bay patients from the Novato imaging center will reduce pressures on our Greenbrae facility, where access challenges over time could prompt patients to look elsewhere for imaging services.

At-a-Glance

Novato Outpatient Imaging Center

- Construction of a facility
- Advanced equipment: Ultrasound, X-ray, MRI
- Information technology to support imaging



What can philanthropy do?

With imaging services critical to so many medical procedures, an investment in the Novato imaging center would be truly transformative for MarinHealth's North Bay community. Total project costs are estimated at \$5.8 million. Philanthropic funding of \$750,000 would be instrumental in establishing a state-of-the-art imaging center to support diagnosis and care in the North Bay and sustain the quality of MarinHealth care across our region.

To learn more or make a gift that will bring advanced imaging services to the North Bay, contact MarinHealth Foundation at **1-415-925-7770** or **Foundation@mymarinhealth.org**.