StraightFacts: Setting the Record Straight — Part I The <u>Truth</u> About Changes at Laguna Honda Hospital

Rebuttal: People Over Age 70 Aren't Getting Admitted to LHH

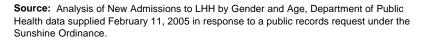
ON JANUARY 16, 2005, LAGUNA HONDA'S NEW EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR issued a *Frequently Asked Questions* (*FAQ*) document to neighborhood community organizations responding to public concerns and LHH's neighbors.

That FAQ stated "The numbers do not suggest that the elderly are being systematically denied admission to LHH. In fact, admissions to LHH of those older than 70 years have stayed the same [emphasis in original]."

That FAQ used FastFacts, rather than StraightFacts, because it used a graphic that compared a single month (December) in 2003 to the same month in 2004, skewing the results. The FAQ also stated that "The quantitative evidence thus far does not indicate a marked change in services to the elderly."

The Department of Public Health, in response to a public records request, released 24 months of data for all of 2003 and 2004. It clearly shows that those aver age 70 have seen a 22.5 percent reduction (in raw numbers) in fewer admissions to LHH between 2003 and 2004. Because they can't even get into LHH, they are systematically receiving a statistically significant service reduction. *Elderly women are being displaced by younger men*. The "quantitative evidence" below speaks *Straight*Facts for itself, clearly showing a reduction in service to the elderly.

	2003		2004		
_		% Mix		% Mix	Absolute
Gender	n =	of Total	n =	of Total	Change
Male	309	55.0%	366	61.50%	18.4%
Female	252	45.0%	229	38.50%	-9.1%
TOTAL	561	100.0%	595	100%	
_	2003		2004		
_		% Mix		% Mix	Absolute
Age Group	n =	of Total	n =	of Total	Change
Under 30	7	1.2%	15	2.5%	114.3%
30-39	25	4.5%	44	7.4%	76.0%
Subtotal	32	5.7%	59	9.9%	84.4%
40-49	74	13.2%	111	18.7%	50.0%
50-59	104	18.5%	145	24.4%	39.4%
Subtotal	178	31.7%	256	43.0%	43.8%
60-64	67	11.9%	47	7.9%	-29.9%
65-69	48	8.6%	50	8.4%	4.2%
Subtotal	115	20.5%	97	16.3%	-15.7%
70-79	104	18.5%	75	12.6%	-27.9%
80-89	92	16.4%	85	14.3%	-7.6%
Above 90	40	7.1%	23	3.9%	-42.5%
Subtotal	236	42.1%	183	30.8%	-22.5%
TOTAL	561	100.0%	595	100.0%	
Age Group Summary:					
Under Age 40	32	5.7%	59	9.9%	84.4%
Under Age 50	106	18.9%	170	28.6%	60.4%
Under Age 65	277	49.4%	362	60.8%	30.7%
70 and Over	236	42.1%	183	30.8%	-22.5%





San Francisco's Elderly — Particularly Elderly Women — Are Being Differentially Displaced From Admission to LHH.