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  La Jolla, CA 92093

- **Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
  9434 Medical Center Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92093

### Moores Cancer Center
- 3855 Health Sciences Drive
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- 9300 Campus Point Drive
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  La Jolla, CA 92037

### Perlman Medical Offices
- 9350 Campus Point Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92037

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- **Hillcrest Emergency**
  UC San Diego Medical Center
  200 West Arbor Drive
  San Diego, CA 92103

- **4th and Lewis Medical Offices**
  330 Lewis Street
  San Diego, CA 92103

- **Medical Offices North**
  200 West Arbor Drive
  San Diego, CA 92103

- **Medical Offices South**
  4168 Front Street
  San Diego, CA 92103

- **UC San Diego Medical Center**
  200 West Arbor Drive
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- 6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
  San Diego, CA 92120

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- Downtown Express Care
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- 910 Sycamore Avenue
  Vista, CA 92081

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- 4910 Directors Place
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- 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
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- 959 Lane Avenue
  Chula Vista, CA 91914

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- 31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
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Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Electrophysiology

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Direct Clinic Line - Temecula: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with all types of fast (tachycardia), slow (bradycardia), and irregular heart rhythm disorders, including both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.
**Cardiology - Heart Failure**

**Travis L. Pollema, DO**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation  
**Subspecialties:**  
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

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**Hao (Howie) Tran, MD**  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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**Subspecialty:**  
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**Bio:**  
Howie Tran, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with end-stage or advanced heart failure. He cares for patients who require heart transplants and mechanical circulatory support devices, including ventricular assist devices (VADs) and percutaneous ventricular assist devices (PVADs). Dr. Tran is also experienced in right heart-catheterization with heart tissue biopsies.
Nicholas Wettersten, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
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Heart Failure

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Bio:
Nicholas Wettersten, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who treats patients with advanced heart failure.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery specializes in operations to the heart, chest or both — generally includes treatment for heart and lung diseases and conditions. Learn more about cardiothoracic (heart and lung) surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

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Steven Howe, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating a wide range of cardiovascular diseases, including aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, and other peripheral and major vascular conditions. Dr. Howe performs adult cardiothoracic surgery, including peripheral and major vascular surgery, thoracic and abdominal endovascular surgery and thoracic trauma surgery.

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Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, diseases and pathology of the stomach and the intestines — including digestive diseases. Learn more about gastroenterology at UC San Diego Health System.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
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Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. He has expertise in performing lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Hepatology (Liver)

Hepatology is a medical specialty that incorporates the study of the liver, gallbladder, biliary tract, and pancreas as well as management of their disorders. Learn more about hepatology at UC San Diego Health System.

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Surgery
The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

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