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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

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

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92033

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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

Hillcrest
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
San Diego, CA 92103

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Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

Encinitas
Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

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203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Cancer

Cancer is an abnormal growth of cells which creates tumors, abnormal growths of tissue, and clusters of cells that are capable of growing and dividing uncontrollably — oncology is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Learn more about cancer at UC San Diego Health.

Daniel Vicario, MD
Medical Director, San Diego Cancer Center
Director, Integrative Oncology Program

Specialty:
Cancer

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Dr. Vicario is a medical oncologist who co-founded the San Diego Cancer Center (SDCC). He is a pioneer in the research of mind-body medicine (the influence of the human spirit on the healing process) and in the field of integrative medicine. He created the Integrative Medicine Program at SDCC in 1988, and has been director of the program for over a decade.
Cancer - Breast Cancer

James Urbanic, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Daniel R. Simpson, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
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Chula Vista - Lane Avenue

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Cancer - Gynecological Cancers

Ramez N. Eskander, MD
Gynecologic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700

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Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

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Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
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Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

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Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

**Specialties:**
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

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Cancer - Lung Cancer

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Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

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Subspecialties:
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Cancer - Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who sees people with a variety of cancers such as brain cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology

Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Add'l Language:
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Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

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Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

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Cancer - Pancreatic Cancer

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Cancer - Precision Medicine

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Gynecologic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
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Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Spanish

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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about [endocrinology and diabetes](#) at UC San Diego Health System.

Christopher J. Hupfeld, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Direct Clinic Line: (760) 479-5370
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hematology (the study of “blood diseases”) is the branch of internal medicine that is concerned with the study of blood, blood-forming organs, and blood diseases. Learn more about hematology/blood diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
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Obstetrics & Gynecology - Gynecologic Oncology

Gynecologic oncology is the medical specialty focusing on cancers of the female reproductive system, including ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, vaginal cancer, cervical cancer, and vulvar cancer. Learn more about gynecologic cancers at UC San Diego Health.

Ramez N. Eskander, MD
Gynecologic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Precision Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Orthopedics

Orthopedics is the branch of medicine specializing in the treatment of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system including bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Learn more about orthopedics at UC San Diego Health System.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity

**Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD**
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
German, Spanish

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Dr. Hentzen, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.

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**Gregory D. Middleton, MD**
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Rheumatology, Orthopedics

**Subspecialty:**
Hand & Upper Extremity

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Francis Gonzales, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult hip and knee joint replacement surgery.
Orthopedics - Spine

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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Radiation Oncology

Radiation oncology is the medical specialty that uses radiation to treat cancer. Learn more about radiation oncology at UC San Diego Health.

Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
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Add'l Language:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Daniel R. Simpson, MD, is a radiation oncologist who specializes in treating cancer of the liver, gastrointestinal tract and central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord). Dr. Simpson uses carefully targeted, high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. He is experienced in intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT), stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT). Dr. Simpson also manages the care and treatment of cancer patients and works closely with other doctors, including medical and surgical oncologists, to provide comprehensive care.
Radiation Oncology (cont.)

James Urbanic, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0500

Bio:
James Urbanic, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist and the medical director of Radiation Oncology Services in Encinitas. He specializes in a variety of radiotherapy and radiosurgical techniques, including intensity-modulated radiation therapy, image guided radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy.
Rheumatology

Rheumatology is a medical specialization concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic disease; diseases which are usually caused by inflammation, swelling and pain in the joints and muscles. Learn more about [rheumatology](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

**Gregory D. Middleton, MD**  
Rheumatologist  
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Rheumatology, Orthopedics  
**Subspecialty:**  
Hand & Upper Extremity

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
Encinitas - Garden View Road  
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**  
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.

**Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS**  
Rheumatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Rheumatology  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
Encinitas - Garden View Road

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

**Bio:**  
Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS, is a board-certified rheumatologist. He diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus.
Sports Medicine

Sports medicine is the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment of injuries or illnesses from athletic activities. Learn more about sports medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Dr. Hentzen, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
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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Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Seth Bechis, MD, is a urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, and men’s health issues. As member of the comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health, he has a special interest in advanced surgical treatment, medical prevention and research on kidney stone disease. He also performs advanced procedures for BPH as well as robotic surgery.
Urology - Kidney Stones

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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