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Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT

A blood and marrow transplant (BMT) is an infusion of adult stem cells — a BMT is used to replace bone marrow that has been destroyed by disease, chemotherapy or radiation. Learn more about blood and marrow transplant at UC San Diego Health.

Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
- Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
- Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Languages:
- German, Greek

Moores Cancer Center
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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Karim Kader, MD, PhD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Karim Kader, MD, PhD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in detecting, treating and preventing prostate cancer.

Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology

Sotirios Tsimikas, MD
Director of Vascular Medicine
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology
Add'l Language:
Greek

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

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HIV/AIDS

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which kills or impairs cells of the immune system and progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers. Learn more about HIV/AIDS care at UC San Diego Health.

Theodoros F. Katsivas, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Greek, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Dr. Theo Katsivas is trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He also trained as a Fellow in HIV disease at the UC San Diego Owen Clinic. His interests focus on HIV patient care and addiction medicine.
Hossein Ansari, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Headache

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Turkish/Azeri

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Hossein Ansari, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and certified headache specialist who specializes in diagnosing and treating headaches and facial pain. He is highly experienced in caring for people with migraines, "cluster" headaches and trigeminal neuralgia.
Jerasimos (Jerry) Ballas, MD, MPH, FACOG
Perinatologist
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and
Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

**Add'l Language:**
Greek

**Sorrento Valley - Directors Place**
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**Bio:**
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Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Demosthenes (Demos) Papamatheakis, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonary Medicine

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Critical Care

Additional Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7100

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