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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.

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Medical Oncologist and Hematologist
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Specialties:
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Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Immunotherapy

Add'l Language:
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Cancer - Immunotherapy

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Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology

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Professor of Medicine

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Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Add'l Language:
Greek

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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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.

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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
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HIV/AIDS
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Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

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