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Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

Shumei Kato, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Medical Oncology, Cancer  
- **Subspecialties:** Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine  
- **Add'l Language:** Japanese

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Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

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Radiation Oncologist
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Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

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La Jolla - PET/CT Center

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Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Cancer - Neurological Oncology

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Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
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Gujarati, Hindi

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Cancer - Precision Medicine

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Assistant Professor of Medicine

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Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine

Add'l Language:
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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Kyoko Sakamoto, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Moores Cancer Center

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Bio:
Kyoko Sakamoto, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in laparoscopy and endourology. Her additional interests are neurology and general urology.
Concierge Medicine

Concierge medicine is a relationship between a patient and a physician in which the patient pays an annual fee or retainer in exchange for enhanced, personalized medical care. Learn more about concierge medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

Bio:
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine is the medical specialty dealing with the immediate treatment of patients whose condition is critical, requiring immediate action. Learn more about emergency medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
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.

Yuko Kono, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

Rena Yadlapati, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Rena Yadlapati, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in esophageal diseases. Dr. Yadlapati is medical director of the Esophageal Diseases and Motility program at UC San Diego Health and treats gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and related conditions such as voice complaints (laryngopharyngeal reflux), swallowing disorders such as achalasia and esophageal motility disorders, and eosinophilic esophagitis.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility

Rena Yadlapati, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

**Add'l Language:**
Gujarati

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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.

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Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Japanese

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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.

Ankita Kadakia, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Gujarati, Hindi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ankita Kadakia, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine and infectious disease physician. She provides primary care, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases for adults with HIV and AIDS. Dr. Kadakia cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
Hospital Medicine

Hospital medicine is concerned with the medical care of acutely ill inpatients.

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
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Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about internal medicine at UC San Diego Health.

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Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
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Medical Oncology

Medical oncology focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer and other benign and malignant tumors. Medical oncologists administer therapy for these malignancies and collaborate with surgical and radiation oncologists to provide cancer treatments. Learn more about cancer care at UC San Diego Health.

Shumei Kato, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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Subspecialties:
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Occupational/Environmental Medicine

UC San Diego Health’s Occupational and Environmental Medicine provides the San Diego area with a full range of services for prevention and compliance assistance; work injury treatment and management; blood borne pathogen exposure; vaccinations; and case coordination. Learn more about occupational and environmental medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH
Occupational Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty: Occupational/Environmental Medicine
Add'l Languages: Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

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Bio:
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Kenneth Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspeciality:
Sports Medicine

Additional Language:
Japanese

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La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Kenneth Vitale, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in sports medicine and sports nutrition. As a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (also known as a physiatrist), Dr. Vitale's expertise is in guiding individuals with orthopedic conditions through a variety of nonsurgical treatment options.
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Primary Care

Primary care is the basic level of medical care at which a patient is evaluated and treated by a nurse or physician, and if necessary, is then referred to a medical specialist. Learn more about primary care at UC San Diego Health.

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Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

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Radiation Oncology

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La Jolla - PET/CT Center

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Sports Medicine

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Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Kyoko Sakamoto, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

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