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Anesthesiology - Critical Care

Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine
Cancer - Neurological Oncology

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.
Cardiology - Electrophysiology

Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialties:
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialties:
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.
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.

Vala Hamidi, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Vala Hamidi, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, disorders of calcium and skeletal metabolism, osteoporosis, pituitary and adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and thyroid disorders. She also provides care in general endocrinology.
Family Medicine

Family Medicine provides health care for all ages, genders and diseases — it is focused on knowledge of the patient in the context of family and community — stressing disease prevention and health promotion. Learn more about family medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Hadia Ashraf, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hemet - W. Stetson Avenue

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 225-6802

Bio:
Hadia Ashraf, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Tae-Woong Im, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Korean

Temecula - Single Oak Drive

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 252-8650

Bio:
Tae-Woong Im, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. He is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Esmatullah (Esmat) Hatamy, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Urdu

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
Esmatullah Hatamy, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. He provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Robert Y. Lee, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Korean

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
Robert Y. Lee, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. He provides primary care for children and adults, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Mary Wang, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Korean, Mandarin

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600

Bio:
Mary Wang, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
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.

Unna Albers (Formerly McPherson), MD
Primary Care Physician
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Language:
Korean

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000

Bio:
Unna McPherson Albers, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. In 2009, 2011-2014, Dr. Albers was named a "Top Doc" in San Diego Magazine's "Physicians of Exceptional Excellence" annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.
Olivia Kim McManus, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Languages:
Korean, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Olivia Kim McManus, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating infants, children, and adolescents with neurological disorders, especially epilepsy and medically refractory epilepsy (when the condition does not respond to medication). Her expertise includes clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy surgery, i.e. invasive intracranial electroencephalography (EEG) monitoring and intraoperative electrocorticography.

David J. Lee, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
David J. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats seizures and epilepsy, including epilepsy that does not respond to medication.
Neurology - Headache

Hossein Ansari, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Turkish/Azeri

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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.

Sara S. Siavoshi, DO
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurology

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Sara Siavoshi, DO, is a board-certified neurologist who treats headaches, migraines, traumatic brain injury and general neurological conditions. She performs procedures such as Botox injections, nerve blocks and trigger point injections. In addition, her research interests include migraines and facial pain.
Neurosurgery - Complex Cranial Surgery

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

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Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Additional Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology

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Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Maryam Tarsa, MD
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Perinatologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Maryam Tarsa, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Tarsa's expertise includes fetal imaging and treating pregnant women with autoimmune disorders, infectious diseases and transplants. She also cares for women having twins or higher-order multiples.
Ophthalmology - Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

Jolene Rudell, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

Add'l Language:
Korean

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Jolene Rudell, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus, a visual problem in which the eyes are not properly aligned. She also treats patients with refractive error, lazy eye (amblyopia), cataracts in children, nasolacrimal duct disorders, congenital eye syndromes and systemic diseases that affect the eyes.
Orthopedics - Spine

Haewon Lee, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics

Subspeciality:
Spine

Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - Garden View Road

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

Bio:
Haewon Lee, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in treating spine disorders, and nonsurgical treatment for neck and back pain. Her practice focuses on helping people return to the activities they enjoy and improving their quality of life. She has a special interest in treating patients with cancer-related impairments.

Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease.

Mana Parast, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Please contact me with any questions regarding gynecologic and perinatal pathology.
Pediatrics

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about pediatric care at UC San Diego Health.

Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Additional Language:
Farsi

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH, is board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in caring for children who have medically fragile or special needs.
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Haewon Lee, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - Garden View Road

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

Bio:
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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.

Unna Albers (Formerly McPherson), MD
Primary Care Physician
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Language:
Korean

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000

Bio:
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Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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Bio:
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Hadia Ashraf, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
Esmatullah Hatamy, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. He provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Primary Care (cont.)

Tae-Woong Im, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider
Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Korean
Temecula - Single Oak Drive
Contact:
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Tae-Woong Im, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. He is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Mary Wang, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health
Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Korean, Mandarin
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
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Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600
Bio:
Mary Wang, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Robert Y. Lee, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health
Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Korean
Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd
Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750
Bio:
Robert Y. Lee, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. He provides primary care for children and adults, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Psychology

Heline Mirzakhanian, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

Add'l Languages:
Armenian, Farsi, German

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7745

Bio:
Heline Mirzakhanian, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who helps people cope more effectively with life issues and mental health problems. Dr. Mirzakhanian is the clinical director of UC San Diego Health's early psychosis program, which specializes in treating adolescents and young adults who are experiencing changes in their thoughts, behavior or emotions that might be associated with serious mental health issues. Dr. Mirzakhanian's expertise is in treating individuals with early symptoms of psychosis; schizophrenia; and bipolar disorder with psychotic features.

 Jessie S. Park, PsyD
Psychologist

Specialty:
Psychology

Add'l Language:
Korean

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Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Jessie Park, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in treating adults with co-occurring medical and psychiatric conditions, such as chronic pain and obesity. Dr. Park is the lead psychologist at UC San Diego Health's Center for Pain Medicine, its Bariatric and Metabolic Institute and its psychiatry intensive outpatient program for chronic pain. She also conducts psychoeducational evaluations for students and fitness for duty evaluations for physicians at UC San Diego, and has experience with cancer-related pain.
Kamyar Afshar, DO
Director, Advanced Lung Disease Program
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care

Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
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Bio:
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Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care

Additional Language:
Farsi

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Matthew Nobari, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Interventional Pulmonology

Additional Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5840

Bio:
Matthew Nobari, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and intensivist. He provides care to patients with a variety of diseases including, but not limited to, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, interstitial lung disease, lung cancer, sepsis, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). He is committed to providing comprehensive care to all of his patients.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Interventional Pulmonology

Matthew Nobari, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Interventional Pulmonology

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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Radiology

Radiology is the branch of medicine specializing in the use of imaging technologies such as x-ray and radiation to diagnose and treat diseases. Learn more about radiology at UC San Diego Health.

Gary G Ghahremani, MD
Radiologist
Professor of Radiology

Specialty: Radiology
Add'l Languages: Farsi, German

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Dr. Ghahremani has been practicing diagnostic radiology for the past 40 years. From 1976 until 2000 he served as professor and chairman of the Radiology Department at Evanston Hospital-Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Mahmood F. Mafee, MD, FACR
Professor of Radiology

Specialty: Radiology
Add'l Language: Farsi

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Contact:
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Radiology - Neuroradiology

Nikdokht (Niky) Farid, MD
Neuroradiologist
Associate Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Neuroradiology
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Nikdokht (Niky) Farid, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist who specializes in interpreting brain, spine and neck imaging studies to diagnose a variety of conditions. These conditions include tumors, strokes and other vascular disease, demyelinating disease, autoimmune disease, infectious and inflammatory disorders, seizures and congenital disorders.
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 at UC San Diego Health.

Soo-In Choi, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Soo Choi, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who 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.

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.
Stroke Care

Stroke care is the medical treatment for a stroke — when the blood supply to part of your brain is interrupted or severely reduced, resulting in the sudden death of brain cells. Learn more about stroke care at UC San Diego Health.

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, MBA, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in cranial and endovascular surgery. He is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences. He provides both open surgical and catheter-based approaches to complex neurosurgical problems, including brain tumors, aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations (AVM) and carotid disease. His vascular training informs his surgical approach to complex tumors in the brain. He is a fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (FAANS), American Heart Association Stroke Council (FAHA), and senior member of the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS).
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.

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

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Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.
**Transplantation - Lung Transplantation**

**Kamyar Afshar, DO**  
Director, Advanced Lung Disease Program  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
Lung Transplantation, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**  
Farsi

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Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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Bio:
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