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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health.

Sidney K. Merritt, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California San Diego (2001 - present)
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.

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.

Frederic J. Kolb, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.
Cancer - Gynecological Cancers

Arno J. Mundt, MD, FACRO, FASTRO  
Radiation Oncologist  
Professor and Chair of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences  

Specialties:  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Urologic Cancer, Gynecological Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma  

Add'l Languages:  
French, German, Italian  

Moores Cancer Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040  

Bio:  
Arno J. Mundt, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist whose expertise is in gynecologic and prostate cancers using a variety of novel treatment modalities, including image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).
Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist with broad clinical expertise in caring for patients with hematologic malignancies. As hematology team leader for the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center, Dr. Jamieson’s clinical interests include the treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms including chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), polycythemia vera (PV), myelofibrosis and essential thrombocythemia. She is also the principal investigator on several clinical trials for the treatment of these and related bone marrow disorders.

Arno J. Mundt, MD, FACRO, FASTRO
Radiation Oncologist
Professor and Chair of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Gynecological Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Arno J. Mundt, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist whose expertise is in gynecologic and prostate cancers using a variety of novel treatment modalities, including image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Lung Cancer

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD
Urologic Oncologist
Professor of Urology and Radiology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health’s multidisciplinary program for management of kidney cancer.
Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD
Urologic Oncologist
Professor of Urology and Radiology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

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Arno J. Mundt, MD, FACRO, FASTRO
Radiation Oncologist
Professor and Chair of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Gynecological Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Arno J. Mundt, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist whose expertise is in gynecologic and prostate cancers using a variety of novel treatment modalities, including image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).

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 - Electrophysiology

Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD
Director, Pacemaker and ICD Services
Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: Electrophysiology
Add'l Languages: French, German, Swedish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating heart rhythm disorders. She directs the Pacemaker and ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) Service at UC San Diego Health and leads one of the largest lead extraction programs in the Western United States.
Cardiology - General Cardiology

Bruno Cotter, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Add'l Languages:
French, German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
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Cardiology - Heart Failure

Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFSA
Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Barry H. Greenberg, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and internationally recognized pioneer in the field of heart failure. He directs the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program at UC San Diego Health.
Colon and Rectal Surgery

Colon and Rectal surgery is the medical specialty dealing with surgeries for disorders of the rectum, anus, and colon. Learn more about colon and rectal surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
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.

Alma Harb, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
Arabic, French, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

**Bio:**
Alma Harb, 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.

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.

Sean-Xavier Neath, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

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

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Facial Nerve Disorders

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Otolaryngology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Additional Language:  
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:  
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Additional Languages:  
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:  
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
**ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery**

**Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD**  
Division Chief, Otolaryngology  
Distinguished Professor

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

**Add'l Language:**  
French

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

**Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD**  
Otolaryngologist  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

**Add'l Languages:**  
French, Vietnamese

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
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.

Suraj A. Achar, MD, FAAFP
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Suraj A. Achar, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. His expertise includes diagnosing, treating, and preventing injuries associated with athletics. He is highly experienced in ultrasound-guided diagnostics and procedures. Dr. Achar also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Martin Luther Kabongo, MD, PhD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Languages:
French, Lingala, Spanish, Swahili, Tshiluba

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

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

Bio:
Martin Luther Kabongo, 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.

Akbar Rahman, MD, MPH
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish, Swahili

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

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

Bio:
Akbar Rahman, MD, MPH, is a board-certified family physician who sees patients of all ages - children, adolescents, and adults. From routine check-ups for children, to well-woman care, to the care of more medically complex patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, he believes in taking a thorough, patient-centered approach to those under his care.
Rebecca L Rosen, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Languages:  
French, Italian, Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

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

Bio:  
Rebecca L. Rosen, 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.

Katherine Uvelli, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:  
French

Sorrento Valley - Sorrento Valley Blvd

Contact:  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 793-7860

Bio:  
Katherine Uvelli, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the San Diego Sports Medicine & Family Health Center. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
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.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
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.

Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist with broad clinical expertise in caring for patients with hematologic malignancies. As hematology team leader for the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center, Dr. Jamieson’s clinical interests include the treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms including chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), polycythemia vera (PV), myelofibrosis and essential thrombocythemia. She is also the principal investigator on several clinical trials for the treatment of these and related bone marrow disorders.

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Annette von Drygalski, MD, PharmD
Director, Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Add'l Languages:
French, German

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6028

Bio:
Annette von Drygalski, MD, PharmD, is a board-certified hematologist who cares for people with diseases of the blood, spleen and lymph. She directs the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center at UC San Diego Health. In this role, Dr. von Drygalski developed translational and clinical research interests addressing the evolving needs of aging patients with hemophilia, such as cardiovascular and joint disease.
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.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
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.

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.

Francesca Torriani, MD
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS
Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Bio:
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.
Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases in the human body, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the disease can be spread from one person to another. Learn more about treatment for infectious diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Randy Taplitz, MD
Clinical Director, Infectious Diseases
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Randy Taplitz, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in infections in compromised individuals, especially those patients with malignant disorders and stem cell transplant recipients. She is the clinical director of Infectious Diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Francesca Torriani, MD
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS
Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.
Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about [internal medicine](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

**Sam Baroudi, MD**
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
Arabic, French

**Vista - 1926 Via Centre**

**Contact:**
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 940-7000

**Bio:**
Sam Baroudi, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician providing primary care through Tri-City Primary Care. He is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

**Alma Harb, MD**
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
Arabic, French, Spanish

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

**Bio:**
Alma Harb, 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.
Neurology

Neurology is the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study and treatment of disorders of the nervous system. Learn more about neurology at UC San Diego Health.

Erik S. Viirre, MD, PHD
Professor (Adjunct)

Specialty:
Neurology

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Dr. Viirre specializes in neurotology (diagnosis and outpatient treatment of vertigo, balance disorders, and tinnitus). He has been with the UC San Diego Department of Neurosciences since 2006 and the Department of Surgery, Division of Head and Neck Surgery since 1998. A member of numerous scientific boards, Dr. Viirre is also an Research Professor in the UC San Diego Department of Cognitive Science and a research associate of the US Navy Naval Medical Center San Diego.
Neurology - Dementia

Gabriel Léger, MD
Neurologist

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Dementia

**Add'l Language:**
French

**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

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

**Bio:**
Gabriel Léger, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. He has expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of atypical or focal dementias, including frontotemporal dementia (FTD), primary progressive aphasia, posterior cortical atrophy, and dementia with Lewy bodies including Parkinson’s disease dementia.
Neurology - Headache

Suzan Khoromi, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
French, Persian, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Suzan Khoromi, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating migraines, headaches and neurologic pain conditions.
Nutrition Counseling

Nutrition Counseling is a process in which a registered dietician works with an individual to assess his or her dietary intake and identify areas where change is needed based upon medical and/or individual needs.

Carla Salcedo, BS, RD
Registered Dietitian

Specialty: Nutrition Counseling
Add'l Languages: French, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Carla Salcedo, BS, CDE, is a registered dietitian who counsels people on their eating habits to improve health and help treat diseases. She provides nutrition education and medical nutrition therapy.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) are the two surgical-medical specialties concerned with the reproductive organs in women. Learn more about obstetrics and gynecology at UC San Diego Health.

Sierra Washington, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-5900
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Sierra Washington, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist who provides comprehensive obstetrics and gynecologic care at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Washington sees patients at the Hillcrest campus for prenatal care and family planning services and gynecologic problems. She aims to provide a holistic approach to patient care and natural birthing experience for parents and their newborns within Hillcrest and Jacobs Medical Center’s state-of-the-art obstetrical environment.
Ophthalmology - Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, FACS
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Thai

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7402

Bio:
Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist. His clinical
capacity and interests include oculoplastic surgery, including cosmetic and
reconstructive surgery of the eyelid and face; management of thyroid eye
disease; eyelid and orbital tumors and cancers; disorders of the lacrimal
outflow system; congenital birth defects, endoscopic forehead lifting;
bulging or proptosis of eyes; reconstruction of eyelids post cancer removal
and after trauma or injury, and skin rejuvenation.
Heidi Yeung, MD
Palliative Care Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Add'l Languages:
French, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Heidi Yeung, MD, is a board-certified hospice and palliative care specialist who manages pain and other symptoms related to disease or its treatment. She works with a multidisciplinary team to help individualize care for patients and their families.
Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

Bio:
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for children of all ages. She leads the Pediatric Travel Medicine program, which provides medical advice and vaccinations for children traveling internationally. She also works as a pediatrician for the UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program.
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
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Bio:
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Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive Surgery

Frederic J. Kolb, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.
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.

Suraj A. Achar, MD, FAAFP
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Suraj A. Achar, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. His expertise includes diagnosing, treating, and preventing injuries associated with athletics. He is highly experienced in ultrasound-guided diagnostics and procedures. Dr. Achar also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Sam Baroudi, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

Vista - 1926 Via Centre

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 940-7000

Bio:
Sam Baroudi, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician providing primary care through Tri-City Primary Care. He is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Alma Harb, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

Bio:
Alma Harb, 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.
Primary Care (cont.)

**Martin Luther Kabongo, MD, PhD**  
Primary Care Physician  
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  

Add'l Languages:  
French, Lingala, Spanish, Swahili, Tshiluba  

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd  

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

Bio:  
Martin Luther Kabongo, 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.

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**Akbar Rahman, MD, MPH**  
Primary Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  

Add'l Languages:  
French, Spanish, Swahili  

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue  

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

Bio:  
Akbar Rahman, MD, MPH, is a board-certified family physician who sees patients of all ages - children, adolescents, and adults. From routine check-ups for children, to well-woman care, to the care of more medically complex patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, he believes in taking a thorough, patient-centered approach to those under his care.

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**Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH**  
Pediatrician  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  

Specialties:  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  

Subspecialties:  
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics  

Add'l Languages:  
French, Spanish  

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street  

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

Bio:  
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for children of all ages. She leads the Pediatric Travel Medicine program, which provides medical advice and vaccinations for children traveling internationally. She also works as a pediatrician for the UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program.

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**Rebecca L Rosen, MD**  
Primary Care Physician  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  

Add'l Languages:  
French, Italian, Spanish  

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue  

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

Bio:  
Rebecca L. Rosen, 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.
Primary Care (cont.)

Katherine Uvelli, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
French

Sorrento Valley - Sorrento Valley Blvd

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 793-7860

Bio:
Katherine Uvelli, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the San Diego Sports Medicine & Family Health Center. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
Psychology

Katia M. Harlé, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Katia Harlé, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats adults with substance use disorders, depression and anxiety. She specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and neuropsychological assessments to evaluate a broad range of cognitive and behavioral issues resulting from brain dysfunction.

Arpi Minassian, PhD
Psychologist
Clinical Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

Add'l Languages:
Armenian, French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Arpi Minassian, PhD, is a licensed psychologist who helps people who are experiencing difficulties with chronic medical conditions or with mental, emotional and behavioral disorders. She works with patients at UC San Diego Health’s Burn Center and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program, as well as with people experiencing chronic pain and those awaiting organ transplantation. Dr. Minassian’s expertise includes psychological assessment and individual and group psychotherapy (also called talk therapy) for adults and children.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Xavier Soler, MD, PhD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialty:**
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

**Add'l Languages:**
Catalan, French, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 757-5337

**Bio:**
Xavier Soler, MD, PhD, specializes in pulmonology and sleep medicine and is the medical director of the pulmonary rehabilitation program and associate director of the [Clinical Trials & Airway Research Center](https://health.ucsd.edu). He specializes in the diagnosis, treatment and management of chronic lung diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Philippe R. Montgrain, MD
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
Add'l Language:
French

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

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

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Critical Care
Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7100

Bio:
Demosthenes (Demos) Papamatheakis, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and intensive care specialist. His clinical interests include pulmonary vascular disease, with a focus in pulmonary arterial hypertension, chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and critical care medicine.
Demosthenes (Demos) Papamatheakis, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7100

Bio:
Demosthenes (Demos) Papamatheakis, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and intensive care specialist. His clinical interests include pulmonary vascular disease, with a focus in pulmonary arterial hypertension, chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and critical care medicine.
Demosthenes (Demos) Papamatheakis, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7100

Bio:
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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.

Arno J. Mundt, MD, FACRO, FASTRO
Radiation Oncologist
Professor and Chair of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Gynecological Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Arno J. Mundt, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist whose expertise is in gynecologic and prostate cancers using a variety of novel treatment modalities, including image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).
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.

Giovanna Casola, MD
Diagnostic Radiologist
Clinical Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Add'l Languages:
French, Italian, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Dr. Casola is passionate about excellent clinical care and teaching the next generation of physicians. She has an interest in international education and has sponsored many visiting scholars from all over the world.

Amol A. Patil, MD
Radiologist

Specialty:
Radiology
Add'l Languages:
French, Hindi

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405
Radiology - Musculoskeletal Imaging

Christine B. Chung, MD
Associate Professor in Residence

Specialty: Radiology
Subspecialty: Musculoskeletal Imaging
Add'l Language: French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
"As an academic radiologist, I am truly dedicated to the triumvirate of research, teaching and clinical service. My time at UC San Diego Health has afforded me the opportunity to have ample experience in each. I am fortunate to be a part of the best clinical musculoskeletal radiology department in the world. In addition, as the director of the Musculoskeletal Imaging Research Group, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with world class physicists, pathologists, orthopedic surgeons and bioengineers. Our work focuses on cartilage imaging and tissue characterization with MR imaging."

Edward Smitaman, MD
Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty: Radiology
Subspecialty: Musculoskeletal Imaging
Add'l Language: Thai

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Edward Smitaman, MD, is a board-certified radiologist with expertise in musculoskeletal imaging. His practice focuses on the use of radiographs, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound to diagnose a variety of musculoskeletal-related conditions, caused by sports injuries, trauma or tumors."
Sleep Medicine

Sleep medicine is the subspecialty of internal medicine that studies and manages poor sleep hygiene. Learn more about sleep medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Lisa Shives, MD
Sleep Medicine Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Sleep Medicine
Add'l Languages:
French, German

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 757-5337

Bio:
Lisa Shives, MD, is a board-certified sleep medicine doctor. She has extensive experience in the treatment of all sleep related disorders including sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy, restless legs syndrome and circadian rhythm disorders.
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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

**Suraj A. Achar, MD, FAAFP**
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

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

**La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue**
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**
Suraj A. Achar, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. His expertise includes diagnosing, treating, and preventing injuries associated with athletics. He is highly experienced in ultrasound-guided diagnostics and procedures. Dr. Achar also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

**Katherine Uvelli, MD**
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
French

**Sorrento Valley - Sorrento Valley Blvd**

**Contact:**
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 793-7860

**Bio:**
Katherine Uvelli, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the San Diego Sports Medicine & Family Health Center. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
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.

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD
Urologic Oncologist
Professor of Urology and Radiology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health's multidisciplinary program for management of kidney cancer.

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders
Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.
Surgery (cont.)

Frederic J. Kolb, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS

Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS

**Subspecialty:**
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Add'l Language:**
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

**Bio:**
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

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.

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

**Specialties:**
- Vascular Surgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
- Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Add'l Languages:**
- Arabic, French

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

**Bio:**
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation

Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFSA
Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Barry H. Greenberg, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and internationally recognized pioneer in the field of heart failure. He directs the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program at UC San Diego Health.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
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Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7878
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
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Urology - Urologic Cancer

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD
Urologic Oncologist
Professor of Urology and Radiology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health's multidisciplinary program for management of kidney 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.
Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.
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