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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT

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

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

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Languages:
German, Greek

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN). He is a transplant physician for the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides comprehensive blood and marrow transplant services, including autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplantation.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Karim Kader, MD, PhD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

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

Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology

Sotirios Tsimikas, MD
Director of Vascular Medicine
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Add'l Language:
Greek

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hematology (the study of “blood diseases”) is the branch of internal medicine that is concerned with the study of blood, blood-forming organs, and blood diseases. Learn more about hematology/blood diseases at UC San Diego Health.

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Subspecialty:
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HIV/AIDS

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

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

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Greek, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Dr. Theo Katsivas is trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He also trained as a Fellow in HIV disease at the UC San Diego Owen Clinic. His interests focus on HIV patient care and addiction medicine.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

**Add'l Language:**
Polish

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
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Specialty:
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Subspecialties:
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Add'l Language:
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Jerasimos (Jerry) Ballas, MD, MPH, FACOG
Perinatologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:** Obstetrics & Gynecology
**Subspeciality:** Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
**Add'l Language:** Greek

**Clinic Locations:**
- Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
- Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
- Jacobs Medical Center
- Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

**Bio:**
Jerry Ballas, MD, MPH, is a board-certified perinatologist who cares for women with high-risk pregnancies. As a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, he treats expectant mothers who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health complications.
Marek Dobke, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Surgery

Add'l Language:
Polish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Dr. Dobke graduated from the Medical Academy in Gdansk, Poland in 1974. He is board certified in plastic surgery both in the United States and Poland. Throughout his career, Dr. Dobke has combined the practice of plastic surgery with research. He has developed a large practice in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, with a special interest and clinical expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast, facial rejuvenation, and application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery. Recently, Dr. Dobke added research on stem cell technology for cosmetic and breast reconstructive surgery purposes to his expertise portfolio and is currently working on applications of telemedicine for the management of wounds and plastic surgery consultations. Tissue contouring with fillers (including permanent material Artefill) is available in his clinic.
Demosthenes Papamatheakis, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant 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, and critical care medicine. Dr. Papamatheakis also sees patients for adult pulmonary diseases such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

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Assistant Professor of Medicine

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Assistant Professor of Medicine

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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 System.

Marek Dobke, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Surgery
Add'l Language:
Polish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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Professor of Urology

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Urology - Urologic Cancer

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Professor of Urology

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