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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.

Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
Tamil

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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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.

Tae-Woong Im, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider
Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Korean
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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
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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.
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.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Tamil

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La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
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.

Srila Gopal, MBBS
Hematologist

Specialty:
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Tamil

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Srila Gopal, MBBS, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with blood disorders. She has a particular focus on hemoglobinopathies, including sickle cell disease, thalassemia, other anemias, and bleeding, clotting and white blood cell disorders. Dr. Gopal leads UC San Diego Health's adult sickle cell disease program.
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.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Tamil

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Internal Medicine

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

![Unna Albers](https://health.ucsd.edu/images/doctor/unna-albers.png)

**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**

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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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialty:
Chronic Kidney Disease

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist who provides care for a wide range of kidney diseases, including chronic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, hypertension, and acute kidney injury. He has a special interest in polycystic kidney disease, kidney stones, and metabolic bone disease.
Neurology - Epilepsy

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

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

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

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La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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Bio:
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Pain Management

Pain management is the pharmacological, nonpharmacological and other treatment to prevent, reduce, or stop pain. Learn more about pain management at UC San Diego Health.

Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
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Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

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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

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Korean

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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.
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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

**Soo-In Choi, MD**  
Rheumatologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Rheumatology  
**Add'l Language:** Korean

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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

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**Bio:**  
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
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