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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.

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**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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**Navparkash S. Sandhu, MD**
Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Cancer - Lung Cancer

Ajay Sandhu, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Medical Director and Professor of Radiation Medicine and
Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Lung Cancer, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Ajay Sandhu, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating genitourinary cancers, lung cancer and sarcoma. In particular, he is interested in the application of novel radiotherapeutic approaches in these diseases including intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), and 4-D computed tomography, stereotactic body radiotherapy and respiratory gating.
Cancer - Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

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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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
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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.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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

Contact:
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Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
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Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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Professor of Medicine

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Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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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](https://health.ucsd.edu) 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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864
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](https://health.ucsd.edu).
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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
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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.
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.

Sonia Bajwa-Dulai, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5400

Bio:
Sonia Bajwa-Dulai, MD, is a primary care physician, board-certified in internal medicine. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, as well as basic well-woman care.

Simerjot K Jassal, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Punjabi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Simerjot K. Jassal, MD, is a primary care physician who provides services for a wide range of health issues including hypertension, diabetes, infection, liver and lung disease, and cancer. She personally cares for continuity patients and oversees medical residents who deliver services to women veterans at VA San Diego Healthcare System, and serves as an inpatient ward attending at both VA San Diego and UC San Diego Medical Center. At this time, patients cannot schedule an appointment with Dr. Jassal as she is a hospital medicine attending physician only.
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:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.
Orthopedics - Joint

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

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

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
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

Additional Language:
Tamil

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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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.

Sonia Bajwa-Dulai, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place

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Radiation Oncology

Radiation oncology is the medical specialty that uses radiation to treat cancer. Learn more about [radiation oncology](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

![Ajay Sandhu, MD](image)

**Ajay Sandhu, MD**
Radiation Oncologist
Medical Director and Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

**Specialties:** Radiation Oncology, Cancer
**Subspecialties:** Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Lung Cancer, Urologic Cancer
**Add'l Languages:** Hindi, Punjabi

**Moores Cancer Center**
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

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**Bio:**
Ajay Sandhu, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating genitourinary cancers, lung cancer and sarcoma. In particular, he is interested in the application of novel radiotherapeutic approaches in these diseases including intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), and 4-D computed tomography, stereotactic body radiotherapy and respiratory gating.
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.

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Languages:**
Hindi, Punjabi

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Abha Singh, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis, myositis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), vasculitis, gout, polymyalgia rheumatica, and osteoarthritis.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

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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