UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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San Diego, CA 92121
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La Jolla, CA 92037
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037
Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92103
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200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103
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4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103
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San Diego, CA 92103

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Encinitas, CA 92024
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San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

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San Diego, CA 92123

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Chula Vista, CA 91914

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Temecula, CA 92592

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121
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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 System.

Farshad M. Ahadian, MD
Medical Director, Center For Pain Medicine
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Farshad M. Ahadian, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care for a broad range of pain conditions. His areas of expertise and interest include minimally invasive treatments for neurogenic claudication from lumbar spinal stenosis and lumbar discogenic pain; neurostimulation (including spinal cord and peripheral nerve field stimulation); interventional therapies for the head and neck region; spinal diagnostics and therapeutics; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for joint pain; integrative medicine and medical acupuncture.

Dalia A. Banks, MD, FASE
Division Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Dalia A. Banks, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in cardiothoracic anesthesia. Cardiothoracic anesthesiologists provide anesthesia for people undergoing surgical procedures which may involve the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest.

John Cornell Drummond, MD
Professor of Anesthesiology
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Drummond has extensive experience in the field of anesthesia for neurosurgery.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Albert Y. Leung, MD
Anesthesiologist and Pain Management Specialist
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Add'l Languages:
Cantonese, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035

Bio:
Albert Y. Leung, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Leung has over 20 years’ experience caring for people with chronic pain, and offers a range of interventional and minimally invasive procedures, as well as medication management.

Mark Mitchell, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.

Timothy M Maus, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Robin Seaberg, MD
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Preetham J. Suresh, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Education Director

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Shiley Eye Institute

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

Bio:
Dr. Suresh completed his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. He then worked as a private practice anesthesiologist at Alta Bates Summit Hospital where he was a partner in the East Bay Anesthesia Medical Group. While there, he specialized in acute pain management, regional anesthesia for orthopedic surgery and high risk obstetric anesthesia.

Anesthesiology - Critical Care

Beverly J. Newhouse, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Albert Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

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

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Edward (Ted) Ball, MD
Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Edward Ball, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who treats individuals with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. In his role as director and chief of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Ball offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Caitlin Costello, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Caitlin Costello, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care throughout stem cell transplants, and follow-up survivorship care.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

Peter T. Curtin, MD
Clinical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Peter Curtin, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and oncologist who treats patients with blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloma. In his role as clinical director of Blood and Marrow Transplantation at UC San Diego Health, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Curtin offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Dan S. Kaufman, MD, PhD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dan Kaufman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in caring for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. He is one of the physicians with the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care. Dr. Kaufman’s expertise and areas of interest include cell-based immunotherapies, stem cells, regenerative medicine and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated therapy. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

Divya T. Koura, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Divya T. Koura, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care.

Carolyn Mulroney, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Carolyn M. Mulroney, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who provides autologous and allogeneic transplants to adults with a wide range of blood cancers and blood disorders, including lymphoma, leukemia, anemia, Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), myelodysplasia, multiple myeloma, light-chain (AL) amyloidosis and graft versus host disease (GVHD). Dr. Mulroney offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Additional 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.

Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who cares for people with blood cancers, with a special focus in acute leukemia and bone marrow transplantation. He is a part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment.
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.

Michael Choi, MD
Medical Staff Physician
Clinical Instructor

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Choi is a hematologist and medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of patients with blood cancers and other blood disorders, with an emphasis on chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). He is a part of UC San Diego’s CLL research team, collaborating with the laboratories of Drs. Thomas Kipps, Januario Castro, and Dennis Carson to help develop new therapies for patients with blood cancers. His clinical research interests include highly targeted novel therapies that can be used to treat blood cancers in a personalize and molecularly-driven manner.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Bouvet’s expertise includes performing surgery for benign and cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism, Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer; minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.

Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent outcomes following these complex procedures.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Paul T. Fanta, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

**Bio:**  
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmacogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.

Shumei Kato, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine

**Add'l Language:**  
Japanese

**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-2372

**Bio:**  
Shumei Kato, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating rare cancers and gastrointestinal tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Kato has a special interest in targeted molecular therapy and his approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine and experimental therapeutics.
Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

Michael Bouvet, MD  
Director of Endocrine Surgery  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery,  
Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers,  
Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center  
Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:  
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in  
endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine  
Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego  
Health. Dr. Bouvet’s expertise includes performing surgery for benign and  
cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism,  
Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer;  
minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic  
adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid  
glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

John W Adamson, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
John Adamson, MD is a board-certified hematologist with a special focus in red blood cell, iron metabolism and platelet disorders. A core member of the team at UC San Diego Health’s Hemophilia Treatment Center, he helps provide specialized care for people with bleeding and clotting disorders.

Edward (Ted) Ball, MD
Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Edward Ball, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who treats individuals with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. In his role as director and chief of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Ball offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma (cont.)

Caitlin Costello, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Caitlin Costello, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care throughout stem cell transplants, and follow-up survivorship care.

Peter T. Curtin, MD
Clinical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Peter Curtin, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and oncologist who treats patients with blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloma. In his role as clinical director of Blood and Marrow Transplantation at UC San Diego Health, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Curtin offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma (cont.)

Benjamin Heyman, MD
Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Benjamin Heyman, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who treats patients with blood cancers such as lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma.

Dan S. Kaufman, MD, PhD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dan Kaufman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in caring for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. He is one of the physicians with the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care. Dr. Kaufman's expertise and areas of interest include cell-based immunotherapies, stem cells, regenerative medicine and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated therapy. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma (cont.)

Divya T. Koura, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Divya T. Koura, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care.

Carolyn Mulroney, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Carolyn M. Mulroney, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who provides autologous and allogeneic transplants to adults with a wide range of blood cancers and blood disorders, including lymphoma, leukemia, anemia, Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), myelodysplasia, multiple myeloma, light-chain (AL) amyloidosis and graft versus host disease (GVHD). Dr. Mulroney offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma (cont.)

Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD
Hematologist
Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Bio:
Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD, is a board-certified hematologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers and blood disorders, with an emphasis on myeloid malignancies.

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 (cont.)

Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who cares for people with blood cancers, with a special focus in acute leukemia and bone marrow transplantation. He is a part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology

**Joseph D Ciacci, MD**
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

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

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

**Bio:**
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro-oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci's primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.

**Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS**
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

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

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

**Michael Bouvet, MD**
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

*Specialties:*
Cancer, Surgery

*Subspecialties:*
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

**Bio:**
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Bouvet’s expertise includes performing surgery for benign and cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism, Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer; minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.

**Bryan Clary, MD, FACS**
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

*Specialties:*
Surgery, Cancer

*Subspecialties:*
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent outcomes following these complex procedures.
Cancer - Pancreatic Cancer (cont.)

**Paul T. Fanta, MD**  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

**Bio:**  
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmacogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.
Cancer - Precision Medicine

**Paul T. Fanta, MD**
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

**Bio:**
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmcogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.

**Shumei Kato, MD**
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Japanese

**Moores Cancer Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-2372

**Bio:**
Shumei Kato, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating rare cancers and gastrointestinal tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Kato has a special interest in targeted molecular therapy and his approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine and experimental therapeutics.
Cancer - Psychosocial Oncology

Jeremy Hirst, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Director, Patient and Family Support Services,
Moores Cancer Center

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5381

Bio:
Jeremy Hirst, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist. As part of Patient &
Family Support Services at Moores Cancer Center, he treats people who
may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric
symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering
with cancer treatment. He can provide psychiatric assessments, treatment
and medication management.
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

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.
Cardiology - General Cardiology

Pam R. Taub, MD, FACC
Cardiologist
Director of Step Family Foundation
Cardiovascular Rehabilitation and Wellness Center
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Cardiac Rehabilitation Center: (858) 249-1308

Bio:
Pam R. Taub, MD, FACC, is a board-certified cardiologist who focuses on general and preventive cardiology, as well as women's cardiovascular health.
Cardiology - Heart Failure

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.
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 System.

Tahir I. Bhatti, MD
Wellness Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Concierge Medicine

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Concierge Medicine: (858) 657-5000
Direct Clinic Line - Cardiac Rehabilitation Center: (858) 249-1308

Bio:
Tahir I Bhatti, MD, is a wellness physician at UC San Diego Health's Concierge Medicine program and Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. As an integrative psychiatrist, Dr. Bhatti combines his traditional training with meditation, mindfulness, stress reduction techniques, life coaching, chi kung, t'ai chi, breath work, human design and bio-field therapies. He has been a meditation practitioner since 1991 and t'ai chi instructor since 1995.
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 System.

Theodore (Ted) Chan, MD, FACEP, FAAEM
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chair of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Theodore "Ted" Chan, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Christanne H. Coffey, MD, FACEP
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Christanne Hoffman Coffey, MD, FACEP, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. She treats and cares for people in the emergency department, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Kama Z. Guluma, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

**Paul Ishimine, MD**  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

**Bio:**  
UC San Diego Health Links

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**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

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**Lisa Lowe, MD**

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine

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

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

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**Christian M. Sloane, MD**  
Emergency Medicine Physician  
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

**Bio:**  
UC San Diego Health Links
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

![Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP](image)

**Medical Director, Emergency Department**
**Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine**

**Specialties:**
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Gujarati

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

**Bio:**
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
Christopher R (Kit) Tainter, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

**Bio:**
Christopher "Kit" Tainter, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in critical care medicine. As a specialist in anesthesiology critical care medicine, Dr. Tainter treats individuals with critical illnesses or injuries, particularly trauma victims and people with multiple organ dysfunction. His professional interests include resuscitation and point-of-care ultrasound.
**Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine**

**Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH**  
Chief, Division of Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Medicine  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**  
Disaster Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400  
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

**Bio:**  
Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency room and those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

**Gary M. Vilke, MD**  
Clinical Service Chief, Emergency Medicine  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**  
Disaster Medicine

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400  
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800  
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

**Bio:**  
Gary M. Vilke, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He is the clinical service chief of Emergency Medicine at UC San Diego Health and co-medical director of the Emergency Departments in Hillcrest and La Jolla, where he oversees the care for people with acute illnesses and injuries. Dr. Vilke's expertise includes evaluation, immediate decision making and treatment to prevent further harm or disability in patients.
Emergency Medicine - Emergency Ultrasound

Colleen Campbell, MD  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:  
Emergency Ultrasound

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

Bio:  
UC San Diego Health Links

Anthony John Medak, MD  
Associate Physician  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:  
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:  
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  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:  
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Ian Grover, MD
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Ian Grover, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. His expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Grover assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.

Stephen R. Hayden, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
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
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Stephen R. Hayden, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, graduated from the accelerated six-year biomedical program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society. He did a General Surgery internship at the San Diego Naval Hospital, which was followed by a tour of duty as senior flight surgeon for the Naval Strike Warfare Center at the NAS Fallon, Nevada.
James Killeen, MD  
Emergency Medicine Physician  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine  
Subspecialty:  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400  
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800  
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:  
James Killeen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Anthony John Medak, MD  
Associate Physician  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine  
Subspecialties:  
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Add'l Language:  
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  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:  
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology

Richard F. Clark, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Director, Division of Toxicology
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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

Bio:
Richard Clark, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems. Dr. Clark is the medical director of the Division of Medical Toxicology at UC San Diego School of Medicine and also serves as medical director of the San Diego Division of the California Poison Control System.

Allyson Kreshak, MD, FACEP, FACMT
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Allyson Kreshak, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. She treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, she also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology (cont.)

Binh T. Ly, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:
Binh Ly, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.
Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about endocrinology and diabetes at UC San Diego Health System.

Schafer Boeder, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Schafer Boeder, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who diagnoses and treats people with a variety of endocrine conditions. He has a particular interest in diabetes and is a member of the inpatient glycemic control team, where he works with patients to monitor glucose levels, adjust insulin dosages, and maintain long-term glucose control at home.

Patricia S. Juang, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Chinese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Patricia Juang, MD, is an endocrinologist who sees patients with a variety of endocrine conditions. She has a particular interest in the care of diabetic patients in the inpatient hospital setting.

Kristen Kulasa, MD
Endocrinologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Kristen Kulasa, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes. Dr. Kulasa serves as director of inpatient glycemic control - working to ensure that people who are in the hospital have optimal blood sugar levels during their stay. She oversees the clinical diabetes nurse educators on staff.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

**Brigid S. Boland, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (619) 543-2347  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

**Bio:**  
Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.

**Michael A. Chang, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Nedret Copur-Dahi, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Subspecialty: General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language: Turkish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate 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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

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-pancreaticography (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 - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Denise Kalmaz, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy  
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  

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

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health’s small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  

**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

**Add'l Language:**  
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego’s GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate 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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

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 choanal-pcncreaticography (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 (cont.)

Thomas John Savides, MD
Gastroenterologist
Chief Experience Officer
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

Bio:
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's EUS program, which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility

David C. Kunkel, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Gastroenterology
- **Subspecialty:** GI Motility
- **Add'l Language:** Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
David C. Kunkel, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal motility disorders, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), swallowing disorders, gastroparesis, bloating and overgrowth syndromes, diarrhea, fecal incontinence and constipation.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

- **Specialty:** Gastroenterology
- **Subspecialties:** General Gastroenterology, GI Motility
- **Add'l Language:** Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
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- Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego’s GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Brigid S. Boland, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

Bio:
Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate 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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

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-pancreaticography (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 - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.

Thomas John Savides, MD
Gastroenterologist
Chief Experience Officer
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

Bio:
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's EUS program, which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatobiliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
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.

John W Adamson, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
John Adamson, MD is a board-certified hematologist with a special focus in red blood cell, iron metabolism and platelet disorders. A core member of the team at UC San Diego Health’s Hemophilia Treatment Center, he helps provide specialized care for people with bleeding and clotting disorders.

Edward (Ted) Ball, MD
Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Edward Ball, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who treats individuals with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. In his role as director and chief of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Ball offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Elizabeth S. Allen, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Elizabeth Allen, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in transfusion medicine, a subspecialty of pathology, encompassing blood donation, transfusion practices, stem cell collections and cellular therapy.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Michael Choi, MD  
Medical Staff Physician  
Clinical Instructor

Specialties:  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Dr. Choi is a hematologist and medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of patients with blood cancers and other blood disorders, with an emphasis on chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). He is a part of UC San Diego’s CLL research team, collaborating with the laboratories of Drs. Thomas Kipps, Januario Castro, and Dennis Carson to help develop new therapies for patients with blood cancers. His clinical research interests include highly targeted novel therapies that can be used to treat blood cancers in a personalize and molecularly-driven manner.

Caitlin Costello, MD  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Caitlin Costello, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care throughout stem cell transplants, and follow-up survivorship care.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

**Peter T. Curtin, MD**  
Clinical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases  
**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center

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

**Bio:**  
Peter Curtin, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and oncologist who treats patients with blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloma. In his role as clinical director of Blood and Marrow Transplantation at UC San Diego Health, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Curtin offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

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**Benjamin Heyman, MD**  
Hematologist

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer  
**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**  
Benjamin Heyman, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who treats patients with blood cancers such as lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Dan S. Kaufman, MD, PhD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dan Kaufman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in caring for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. He is one of the physicians with the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care. Dr. Kaufman's expertise and areas of interest include cell-based immunotherapies, stem cells, regenerative medicine and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated therapy. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Divya T. Koura, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Divya T. Koura, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care.
Carolyn Mulroney, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Carolyn M. Mulroney, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who provides autologous and allogeneic transplants to adults with a wide range of blood cancers and blood disorders, including lymphoma, leukemia, anemia, Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), myelodysplasia, multiple myeloma, light-chain (AL) amyloidosis and graft versus host disease (GVHD). Dr. Mulroney offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD
Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD, is a board-certified hematologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers and blood disorders, with an emphasis on myeloid malignancies.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

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.

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

Specialty:
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Add'l Languages:
French, German

La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5947

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.
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who cares for people with blood cancers, with a special focus in acute leukemia and bone marrow transplantation. He is a part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment.
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.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Cathy Logan, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Cathy Logan, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

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.

Darcy A. Wooten, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.
Hospital Medicine

Hospital medicine is concerned with the medical care of acutely ill inpatients. Learn more about hospital medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Ali Amirrezvani, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Persian, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ali Amirrezvani, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Amirrezvani is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's hospital discharge, Dr. Amirrezvani communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Deepak Asudani, MBBS
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Deepak Asudani, MBBS, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Asudani is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's hospital discharge, Dr. Asudani communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Jaswinder P. Bajwa, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jaswinder Bajwa, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bajwa is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bajwa communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

John Frederick Bell, MD, MPH
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
John Bell, MD, MPH, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bell is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bell communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Jessica G. Bazick, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jessica Bazick, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bazick is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bazick communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Daniel Bouland, MD, FACP
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Daniel Bouland, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bouland is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Bouland communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Brian Clay, MD  
Hospitalist  
Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Hospital Medicine  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

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

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

**Bio:**  
Brian Clay, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Clay is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Clay communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Robert El-Kareh, MD, MPH  
Hospitalist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Hospital Medicine  

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

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

**Bio:**  
Robert El-Kareh, MD, MPH, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. El-Kareh is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. El-Kareh communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Michele DeKorte, MD  
Hospitalist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Hospital Medicine  

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

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

**Bio:**  
Michele DeKorte, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. DeKorte is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. DeKorte communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Nikhil R. Gandhi, MD, FACP  
Hospitalist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Hospital Medicine  

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

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

**Bio:**  
Nikhil Gandhi, MD, FACP, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Gandhi is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Gandhi communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Sarah Horman, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Sarah Horman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Horman is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Horman communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Bryan Huang, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bryan Huang, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Huang is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Huang communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Bethany E. Karl, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hospital Medicine, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bethany E. Karl, DO, is board-certified nephrologist. She is an assistant professor in Department of Medicine and works in the Divisions of Nephrology as well as Hospital Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine.
Leslie Martin, MD
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine
Specialty:
Hospital Medicine
Add'l Language:
Cantonese

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Leslie Martin, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Martin is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's discharge, Dr. Martin communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Michael Montazeri, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine
Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Michael Montazeri, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Montazeri is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's discharge, Dr. Montazeri communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Jennifer Quartarolo, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine
Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Jennifer Quartarolo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Quartarolo is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's discharge, Dr. Quartarolo communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Pedro Ramos, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Pedro Ramos, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Ramos is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's discharge, Dr. Ramos communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Reid Sasaki, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Reid Sasaki, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Sasaki is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Sasaki communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Meghan Sebasky, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Meghan Sebasky, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Sebasky is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Sebasky communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Gregory B. Seymann, MD
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Gregory Seymann, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Seymann is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Seymann communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Kenton O. Smitherman, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Kenton Smitherman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Smitherman is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Smitherman communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Natasha Surette, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Natasha Surette, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Surette is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Surette communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Jay Varughese, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jay Varughese, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Varughese is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Varughese communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
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.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Saima Aslam, MBBS
Infectious Disease Specialist
Director, Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases
Add'l Language:
Urdu

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

Bio:
Saima Aslam, MBBS, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in caring for solid-organ transplant candidates and recipients as well as other immunocompromised individuals. Dr. Aslam directs UC San Diego Health's Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service, which provides expert care in the prevention and management of infectious diseases in organ transplant donors and recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Anne N. Cowell, MD, MPH
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Anne Cowell, MD, MPH, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who sees patients in both the hospital and outpatient setting for a range of infectious diseases, including bloodstream and intravascular device infections, intra-abdominal and urinary tract infections, tuberculosis, prosthetic joint infections, and other postoperative infections.

Cathy Logan, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Cathy Logan, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.

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 an 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.

Darcy A. Wooten, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Infectious Disease Specialist  

Specialties: Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS  

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
Jacobs Medical Center  

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

Bio:  
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.
Nephrology (Kidney)

Nephrology is the specialty of medicine and pediatrics focusing on the study of kidney function, and the treatment of kidney problems. Learn more about nephrology (kidney) at UC San Diego Health System.

Joachim H. Ix, MD
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension
Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Nephrology (Kidney)
Add'l Language: German

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

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

Bio:
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.

Bethany E. Karl, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties: Hospital Medicine, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bethany E. Karl, DO, is board-certified nephrologist. She is an assistant professor in Department of Medicine and works in the Divisions of Nephrology as well as Hospital Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis

Robyn Cunard, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Robyn Cunard, MD is a board-certified nephrologist, with a special interest in glomerular diseases. She specializes in general nephrology and hypertension care, hemodialysis and apheresis.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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:
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

**Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
La Jolla - Periman Medical Offices

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

**Bio:**  
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.

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

**Scott Culver Thomson, MD**  
Staff Physician  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**  
Apheresis

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

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

**Bio:**  
Dr. Thomson is the Chief of Nephrology at VASDHS and is responsible for the nephrology service at UC San Diego Thornton Pavilion for 5 to 6 months out of the year.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

**Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology

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

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

**Alexander Bullen, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**  
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

**Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH**  
Nephrologist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease

**Add'l Languages:**  
Italian, Tagalog

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

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as “kidney attack”) and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Robyn Cunard, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

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

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

**Bio:**
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Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
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**Bio:**
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

Cynthia Miracle, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

**Bio:**
Cynthia M. Miracle, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for chronic hemodialysis and renal transplant patients. She also provides nephrology consultation for patients who are hospitalized.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

**Bio:**
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

**Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.


**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**  

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**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 (cont.)

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

Bio:
Tyler Woodell, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with kidney disease, ranging from acute kidney injury to chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease. He has a special interest in treating patients with glomerular disease, which includes conditions such as lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy and various causes of nephrotic syndrome. He also treats patients with hypertension, electrolyte and acid-base disorders.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease

**Add'l Languages:**
Italian, Tagalog

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

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Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology (cont.)

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Alexander Bullen, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

Additional Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

Cynthia Miracle, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

Contact:
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Bio:
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Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

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.

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

Bio:
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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 System.

James B Brewer, MD, PhD
Director of Human Memory Lab
Professor of Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 552-8585

Bio:
Dr. Brewer is interested in advanced methods for detecting clinically significant memory impairment. This includes application of recent UC San Diego developments in brain MRI analysis.

Mark H Tuszynski, MD, PhD
Professor

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Tuszynski is currently conducting research in the fields of Alzheimer's Disease, and Spinal cord injury. He has had more than 120 scientific publications in these areas.
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

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.
Neurology - Headache

Imanuel Lerman, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Imanuel Lerman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Lerman evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, including acute, chronic and cancer pain. He has extensive experience in ultrasound guidance for interventional pain procedures and interventional headache treatment, teaching and speaking nationally on these subjects.
Neurology - Neurocritical Care

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialties:
Neurocritical Care, Stroke

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.

Jamie Labuzetta, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Neurocritical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6291

Bio:
Jamie Labuzetta, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and neurocritical care specialist who treats patients with acute neurological emergencies requiring intensive care. These patients may have severe brain injury, stroke or brain tumors, or are recovering from a neurosurgical procedure.
Neurology - Stroke

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialties:**
Neurocritical Care, Stroke

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.
Neurosurgery specializes in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders which affect the nervous system. Learn more about neurosurgery at UC San Diego Health System.

J. Scott Pannell, MD
Neurointerventional Radiologist

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Radiology, Stroke Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
J. Scott Pannell, MD, is a neurointerventional radiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgery and neuroradiology. Dr. Pannell focuses on the catheter-based treatment of ischemic stroke, cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, vascular tumors, and interventional management of pain associated with disorders of the spine.
Neurosurgery - Complex Cranial Surgery

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology

Joseph D Ciacci, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro-oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci’s primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.

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Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.

Martin H. Pham, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Martin Pham, MD, is a neurosurgeon who focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. This includes adult scoliosis and spinal deformity, complex spinal reconstruction, robotic and minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation of the spine, spine tumors, and spine trauma.
Obesity Medicine

Daphne (Yvette) LaCoursiere, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Obesity Medicine

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Yvette LaCoursiere, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

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

Stephen A. Hebert, MD

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

**Bio:**
For more information on treatment at UC San Diego, see Obstetrics and Gynecology or Pregnancy and Childbirth.

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 labor and delivery care at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Washington sees patients at the Hillcrest campus for prenatal care and family planning services. She aims to provide a holistic approach to patient care and a natural birthing experience for parents and their newborns within Hillcrest and Jacobs Medical Center’s state-of-the-art obstetrical environment.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology

Jorge L. Alvarado, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
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) 657-8745
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Jorge L. Alvarado, MD, is an obstetrician/gynecologist who provides prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care as well as comprehensive gynecological care, including diagnosis and treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding, fibroids, sexually transmitted infections, and gynecologic cancer prevention. Dr. Alvarado specializes in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, with an interest in dysplasia of the cervix, vagina, and vulva.

Pamela S. Deak, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Pamela Deak, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, family planning, and treatment for gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Erin A. Gross, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8737
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Erin Gross, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, family planning, and treatment for gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, gynecological infections or sexually transmitted diseases.

Jessica Kingston, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Jessica Kingston, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding or gynecological infections. She specializes in diagnosing and treating uterine fibroids and has expertise in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. She also helps coordinate care for maternal mental health conditions, including mood disorders and postpartum depression.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Daphne (Yvette) LaCoursiere, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Obesity Medicine
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Yvette LaCoursiere, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections.

Kathryn Macaulay, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

Encinitas - Garden View
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Kathryn Macaulay, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections. Dr. Macaulay's expertise is in caring for perimenopausal and menopausal women. She treats common symptoms and conditions of menopause, such as hot flashes, night sweats, insomnia, mood changes, osteoporosis, and weight gain. She also has extensive experience in hormone replacement therapy.
Gillian Mackay, MBBS, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
General Gynecology

**Add'l Language:**
German

**Location:**
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

**Bio:**
Gillian Mackay, MBBS, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides labor and delivery care for both low and high-risk pregnancies, as well as minimally invasive gynecological surgery, adolescent gynecology and contraception and family planning. She also performs office procedures such as hysteroscopy.

Christine B. Miller, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
General Gynecology

**Location:**
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

**Bio:**
Christine B. Miller, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Sheila Mody, MD
Family Planning Specialist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:** Obstetrics & Gynecology
**Subspecialty:** General Gynecology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

**Bio:**
Sheila Mody, MD, MPH is a family planning specialist with a focus in contraceptive counseling for women with complex medical conditions. Her interests include educating patients on the use of long-acting reversible contraception and early pregnancy management.

Jamie L. Resnik, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:** Obstetrics & Gynecology
**Subspecialty:** General Gynecology
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

**Bio:**
Jamie Resnik, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN. She provides comprehensive care to women, including maternity care, well woman care, and treatment for common gynecological issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, or gynecological infections.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Maureen C. Ries, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology
Add'l Languages:
Indonesian, Spanish, Swahili

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Encinitas - Garden View
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Maureen Ries, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides a wide spectrum of care for women, including prenatal and childbirth care. She provides well-woman care, including health care maintenance and contraception. In addition, she has interests in vulvar skin disorders and general gynecologic surgery.

Shira Varon, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Shira Varon, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides a wide spectrum of care for women, including prenatal and childbirth care. She also provides well-woman care, including health care maintenance and contraception.
Akilah Weber, MD
Obstetrician and Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Akilah Weber, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN who specializes in managing the gynecologic needs of children and teenagers. She has a special interest in treating children born with reproductive defects, people with adrenogenital disorders (which cause an abnormal secretion of hormones) and amenorrhea (the absence of menstruation in women of reproductive age).
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Jerasimos (Jerry) Ballas, MD, MPH, FACOG
Perinatologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

**Add'l Language:**
Greek

**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.

Andrew D. Hull, BMBS, FRCOG, FACOG
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (858) 543-7878

**Bio:**
Andrew D. Hull, BMBS, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Hull’s expertise includes caring for pregnant women with chronic medical problems, including HIV; pregnancies complicated by fetal disorders such as isoimmunization and complex birth defects; and placental disorders such as placenta accreta.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

**Thomas F. Kelly, MD**
Perinatologist  
Chief, Division of Perinatal Medicine  
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:** Obstetrics & Gynecology  
**Subspecialty:** Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

**Sorrento Valley - Directors Place**  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

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

**Bio:**
Thomas F. Kelly, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. His expertise includes medical complications of pregnancy and fetal diagnosis.

**Leah Lamale-Smith, MD**
Perinatologist  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

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

**Sorrento Valley - Directors Place**  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

**Bio:**
Leah Lamale-Smith, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who specializes in high-risk pregnancies. As a provider of maternal-fetal medicine, she cares for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Lamale-Smith’s expertise is in performing invasive fetal procedures for prenatal screening and diagnosis, including chorionic villus sampling (CVS), amniocentesis, and fetal blood sampling and intrauterine transfusion. She is also experienced in caring for women with higher-order multiples, women with complex medical conditions such as autoimmune disorders and cardiac disease, and critically ill women who require intensive care during their pregnancy or postpartum period.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Louise C. Laurent, MD, PhD
Perinatologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Louise C. Laurent, MD, PhD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Laurent’s expertise is in treating women who are at risk for preeclampsia or fetal growth restriction.

Thomas Moore, MD
Interim Chief Medical Officer
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Thomas Moore, MD, is a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist. He provides prenatal care for women with high-risk pregnancies, and is recognized nationally as an expert on pregnancy and diabetes. Dr. Moore has been ranked several times as one of the top obstetricians and gynecologists in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, as well as been named repeatedly as a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society. Most recently he received the Louis M. Hellman MD Midwifery Partnership Award from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Gladys "Sandy" Ramos, MD
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
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:
Gladys "Sandy" Ramos, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women with complex health or fetal issues. Dr. Ramos' expertise is in treating women with diabetes to help ensure safe deliveries of healthy infants while maintaining optimal health for mothers. She is also experienced in managing placenta accreta and other high-risk issues.

Robert Resnik, MD
Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Perinatologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Robert Resnik, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Resnik's expertise includes treating fetal growth restriction and placenta accreta.
Maryam Tarsa, MD
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Perinatologist

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

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

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

Steven J. Thomas, MD
Perinatologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Steven J. Thomas, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Douglas Andrew Woelkers, MD
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

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

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Douglas Andrew Woelkers, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Woelkers' expertise includes preeclampsia, thrombophilia and placental insufficiency.

Richard B. Wolf, DO
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Richard B. Wolf, DO, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Wolf's expertise includes fetal imaging, amniotic fluid abnormalities, blood clotting disorders during pregnancy and blood group (Rh) incompatibility.
Ophthalmology - Cornea

Chris W Heichel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Chris W. Heichel, MD serves as Associate Clinical Professor of Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery in the Department of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego, Shiley Eye Institute. He is considered a skilled surgeon, astute clinician and a dedicated educator. Dr. Heichel graduated UC San Diego undergraduate with Honors including the Howard Hughes Research Fellowship Award. He completed medical school in Chicago with Honors as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society. He returned to the University of California, San Diego to complete his residency, where he served as Chief Resident, as well as a Fellowship in Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery. He joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 where he is currently a board certified ophthalmologist specializing in Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery.
Ophthalmology - Neuro-Ophthalmology

Peter Savino, MD
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology & Neurosciences

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Neuro-Ophthalmology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute

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

Bio:
Peter J. Savino, MD is available for consultation on all potential Neuro-Ophthalmic disorders.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

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

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

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

William T. Kent, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
William Kent, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma (cont.)

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
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 System.

Farshad M. Ahadian, MD
Medical Director, Center For Pain Medicine
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Farshad M. Ahadian, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care for a broad range of pain conditions. His areas of expertise and interest include minimally invasive treatments for neurogenic claudication from lumbar spinal stenosis and lumbar discogenic pain; neurostimulation (including spinal cord and peripheral nerve field stimulation); interventional therapies for the head and neck region; spinal diagnostics and therapeutics; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for joint pain; integrative medicine and medical acupuncture.

Imanuel Lerman, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Imanuel Lerman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Lerman evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, including acute, chronic and cancer pain. He has extensive experience in ultrasound guidance for interventional pain procedures and interventional headache treatment, teaching and speaking nationally on these subjects.
Pain Management (cont.)

Albert Y. Leung, MD
Anesthesiologist and Pain Management Specialist
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Add'l Languages:
Cantonese, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035

Bio:
Albert Y. Leung, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Leung has over 20 years' experience caring for people with chronic pain, and offers a range of interventional and minimally invasive procedures, as well as medication management.
Palliative Care

Gary Buckholz, MD, FAAHPM
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7079

Bio:
Dr. Buckholz specializes in palliative care, which uses a team approach. The goal of palliative care is to prevent and relieve suffering and to support the best possible quality of life for patients and their families, regardless of the stage of disease or the need for other therapies. As such, it can be delivered concurrently with life-prolonging care or as the main focus of care.

Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, FAAHPM
Palliative Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7079

Bio:
Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, is a board-certified palliative care specialist. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for people with serious illness and their families. It can help provide relief from symptoms, pain, and emotional stress. As part of the Doris A. Howell Palliative Care service, Dr. Edmonds consults with patients who have been admitted to UC San Diego Health's hospitals in La Jolla and Hillcrest.

Jeremy Hirst, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Director, Patient and Family Support Services,
Moores Cancer Center

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5381

Bio:
Jeremy Hirst, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist. As part of Patient & Family Support Services at Moores Cancer Center, he treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. He can provide psychiatric assessments, treatment and medication management.

Kathryn (Kadee) Winters, MD
Palliative Care Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7079

Bio:
Kathryn (Kadee) Winters, MD, is a palliative care physician who provides supportive care for people with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for people with serious illness and their families. It can help provide relief from symptoms, pain and emotional stress.
Palliative Care (cont.)

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) 534-7079

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.

Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease. Learn more about pathology at UC San Diego Health System.

Elizabeth S. Allen, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Elizabeth Allen, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in transfusion medicine, a subspecialty of pathology, encompassing blood donation, transfusion practices, stem cell collections and cellular therapy.

Brian Datnow, MD
Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Brian Datnow graduated in medicine from the University of Witwaterstrand School of Medicine in 1970 and completed his internship in surgery (6 months) and medicine (6 months), at Johannesburg General Hospital in 1971.
Pathology (cont.)

Farnaz Hasteh, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Hasteh received her medical degree in 1995 from Iran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. She completed her pathology residency (AP-CP) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, where she was the chief resident in pathology (2002-2003), teaching and directing residents.

Ann M. Ponsford Tipps, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5764

Bio:
Dr. Tipps is a California native, educated at Pomona College, Claremont, CA (B.A. in Chemistry/Zoology). She received her M.D. at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA, and completed her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency also at VCU/MCV. Upon completion of residency training, she returned to California where she was in private practice in a private pathology laboratory and medical director at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories; and practiced anatomic and clinical pathology at Palomar Medical Center, Pomerado Hospital, and Trinity Medical Center. She began practicing at UCSD in the Dept. of Pathology in late 2000, and joined the faculty in 2001 as an Associate Clinical Professor.
Pediatrics

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about [pediatrics](https://health.ucsd.edu/pediatrics) at UC San Diego Health System.

**Pamela Borja-Del Rosario, MD**
Neonatal Hospitalist

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
Pamela Borja-Del Rosario, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, she provides care to babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, including infants in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) who may be born premature, critically ill, or with complex health conditions.

**Erika F. Fernandez, MD**
Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
Erika F. Fernandez, MD, is a board-certified neonatologist. She directs UC San Diego Health’s nationally recognized Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which provides specialized and emergency care for babies who are born premature, critically ill, or with complex health conditions.

**Pediatrics - Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine**

**Jae H. Kim, MD, PhD**
Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links
Pediatrics - Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (cont.)

Krishelle Leong Marc-Aurele, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
Krishelle Leong Marc-Aurele, MD, is a board-certified neonatologist who provides specialized and emergency care for babies who are born prematurely, critically ill or with complex health conditions. In addition to caring for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Jacobs Medical Center, she also cares for seriously ill children of all ages in a palliative care clinic at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Lawrence (Lance) Prince, MD, PhD
Division Chief of Neonatology
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
Lawrence (Lance) S. Prince, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pediatrician and neonatal-perinatal medicine specialist. Dr. Prince is the Division Chief of Neonatology at the University of California, San Diego and Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego. He has a particular clinical interest in managing and treating neonatal lung diseases, especially bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) in babies born extremely preterm.

Evan Snyder, MD, PhD
Professor, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute
Director, Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology Program

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

**Bio:**
Dr. Snyder earned his MD and his PhD in neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980. He completed residencies in pediatrics and neurology at Children's Hospital-Boston, Harvard Medical School and postdoctoral research at Harvard Medical School.
Pediatrics - Newborn Hospital Care

Pediatric hospitalists care for newborns in the hospital setting only. They may provide care ranging from normal newborn care to emergent stabilization and resuscitation, if necessary. Pediatric Hospitalists also provide parents with advice and guidance about lactation and any other questions they may have regarding their newborn. Learn more about Newborn Care at UC San Diego Health.

Eustratia (Tia) Hubbard, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Dr. Hubbard is a general pediatrician and newborn hospitalist. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine.

Michelle L. Leff, MD
Newborn Hospitalist and Pediatrician
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla Pediatrics: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Michelle L. Leff, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. She also provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their life stages. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Leff meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and breastfeeding help, including frenotomies.
Christopher A. Longhurst, MD, FACMI
Newborn Hospitalist
Chief Information Officer
Associate Chief Medical Officer of Quality and Patient Safety

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Christopher Longhurst, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, he meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and performing procedures like frenotomy.

Lisa M. Stellwagen, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care
Additional Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Lisa Stellwagen, MD, is a newborn specialist and board-certified pediatrician. She has been a pediatrician for 30 years, both in community and hospital settings, and is the medical director of the Newborn Service at UC San Diego Health. Her clinical expertise includes infant nutrition, breastmilk feeding, and medical care of newborns.
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 System.

Michelle L. Leff, MD
Newborn Hospitalist and Pediatrician
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla Pediatrics: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Michelle L. Leff, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. She also provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their life stages. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Leff meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and breastfeeding help, including frenotomies.
Psychiatry

Psychiatry is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Learn more about psychiatry at UC San Diego Health System.

Jeremy Hirst, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Director, Patient and Family Support Services,
Moores Cancer Center

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5381

Bio:
Jeremy Hirst, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist. As part of Patient & Family Support Services at Moores Cancer Center, he treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. He can provide psychiatric assessments, treatment and medication management.
Pulmonology (Lung)

Pulmonology is the branch of medicine specializing in the study and science of the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the lungs. Learn more about pulmonology (lung) at UC San Diego Health System.

Bernie Y. Sunwoo, MBBS
Medical Director, Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bernie Sunwoo, MBBS, is a board-certified pulmonologist and sleep medicine specialist who treats people with general lung conditions as well as rare lung diseases, sleep-related breathing disorders and hypoventilation syndromes.
Praveen Akuthota
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Asthma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

Bio:
Praveen Akuthota, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats all types of asthma as well as eosinophilic pulmonary disease, including eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome), allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, and eosinophilic pneumonia. Eosinophilic lung disorders involve an increased number of eosinophils (white blood cells) in the lungs. These white blood cells are part of the immune system and fight off allergic or chemical reactions and some infections.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Mattew Nobari, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

Bio:
Matthew Nobari, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, chronic cough, shortness of breath (dyspnea), sepsis, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Praveen Akuthota
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialties:**
Asthma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

**Bio:**
Praveen Akuthota, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats all types of asthma as well as eosinophilic pulmonary disease, including eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome), allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, and eosinophilic pneumonia. Eosinophilic lung disorders involve an increased number of eosinophils (white blood cells) in the lungs. These white blood cells are part of the immune system and fight off allergic or chemical reactions and some infections.

Naveen Gupta, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

**Bio:**
Naveen Gupta, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. His expertise and clinical interests include sepsis, acute lung injury, pulmonary fibrosis, and general pulmonary medicine. Dr. Gupta is committed to providing high-quality, evidenced-based care to all of his patients. He sees individuals in the Intensive Care Unit and on the pulmonary consult service at Jacobs Medical Center and UC San Diego Medical Center, and also provides care at the general pulmonary clinic on Executive Drive.

Biren Kamdar, MD, MHS
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

**Bio:**
Biren Kamdar, MD, MBA, MS, MHS, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. He cares for adult patients in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and those with general lung conditions.
Jinghong Li, MD, PhD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 757-5337
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

Bio:
Jinghong Li, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and intensive care specialist who cares for people with diseases related to lungs and breathing. Her areas of expertise include asthma, lung cancer, interstitial lung disease, and treating and managing the care of critically ill patients.

Matthew Nobari, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

Bio:
Matthew Nobari, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, chronic cough, shortness of breath (dyspnea), sepsis, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).

Jeremy E. Orr, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jeremy E. Orr, MD, is a board-certified pulmonary and critical care physician who specializes in hypoventilation disorders, neuromuscular respiratory weakness, chronic lung disease, non-invasive ventilation management and critical care medicine.
Rebecca E. Sell, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Rebecca Sell, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. She treats people with chronic lung disease and cares for patients in the Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Sell also is the associate program director for internal medicine at UC San Diego Health as well as medical director of resuscitation.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Kim M. Kerr, MD
Professor of Medicine
Vice Chief, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Kim M. Kerr, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. Her clinical and research interests are in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and critical care. Dr. Kerr attends on the pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE), the ICU, and pulmonary consult services. She is involved in both inpatient and outpatient clinical trials studying pulmonary vascular disease and critical care medicine.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Vascular Disease

Kim M. Kerr, MD
Professor of Medicine
Vice Chief, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Kim M. Kerr, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. Her clinical and research interests are in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and critical care. Dr. Kerr attends on the pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE), the ICU, and pulmonary consult services. She is involved in both inpatient and outpatient clinical trials studying pulmonary vascular disease and critical care medicine.
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 System.

**Thomas W. Broderick, MD, FACR**
Radiologist
Professor of Radiology

**Specialty:**
Radiology

**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:**
Thomas W. Broderick, MD, is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist. His areas of expertise include general radiology, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), ultrasound and screening mammography. He has special interest in ultrasound body imaging and chest radiology.

**Stephen M. Dorros, MD, FACR**
Medical Director, Outpatient Imaging Services
Professor of Radiology

**Specialty:**
Radiology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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

**Bio:**
Steven M. Dorros, MD, is a board-certified radiologist with subspecialty training in neuroradiology. His clinical focus is on imaging the brain and spine to better understand and treat a variety of conditions, including back pain, sports injuries, malignancies and epilepsy.

**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.

**Albert Hsiao, MD, PhD**
Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

**Specialty:**
Radiology

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6650

**Bio:**
Albert Hsiao, MD, PhD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in cardiac and vascular imaging — primarily using CT scans and MRIs — to diagnose and improve care for patients with a range of cardiovascular conditions, including congenital heart disease, mitral and tricuspid valve disease, cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease.
Mahmood F. Mafee, MD, FACR
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

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

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

Mary O'Boyle, MD
Radiologist
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405
Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Mary O’Boyle, MD, is a board-certified radiologist with expertise in body imaging. She uses ultrasound, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and fluoroscopy to image the abdomen and pelvis to better diagnosis and treat a wide variety of health conditions, including cancer and high-risk pregnancies.

Michael Middleton, MD, PhD
Radiologist

Specialty:
Radiology

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3913

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

J. Scott Pannell, MD
Neurointerventional Radiologist

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Radiology, Stroke Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
J. Scott Pannell, MD, is a neurointerventional radiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgery and neuroradiology. Dr. Pannell focuses on the catheter-based treatment of ischemic stroke, cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, vascular tumors, and interventional management of pain associated with disorders of the spine.
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

Katherine (Meg) Richman, MD
Medical Director of Radiology
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Katherine (Meg) Richman, MD, is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist who specializes in body imaging, particularly women’s body imaging. She performs both hysterosalpingograms (HSG) and sonohysterograms (SHG) to look for causes of women’s infertility and gynecological issues, such as bleeding. She also images men and women who have suffered abdominal trauma, and uses radiological techniques to help diagnose gastrointestinal (GI) and genitourinary (GU) problems.

Dolores H. Pretorius, MD
Director of Fetal Imaging, Maternal-Fetal Care and Genetics
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Bio:
Dolores H. Pretorius, MD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in fetal imaging and ultrasound imaging. As the director of fetal imaging at UC San Diego Health’s Maternal-Fetal Care and Genetics, she performs ultrasound scans on expectant mothers to check for problems with fetal development or other problems during pregnancy. During fetal imaging examinations, Dr. Pretorius may make diagnoses that help guide treatment for a woman or her baby before and after birth. She also performs ultrasound examinations in adults and children.

Srihari C Sampath

Specialty:
Radiology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Radiology (cont.)

Cynthia Sawhney Santillan, MD  
Vice Chief of the Body Imaging Section, Chief of Body Computed Tomography  
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:  
Radiology

Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center  
Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Dr. Santillan is a body imager who interprets computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound (US) of the abdomen and pelvis. She strives to provide excellent patient care by working as a team with physicians throughout the medical center to diagnose and treat complicated medical problems. As Chief of Body CT, she is constantly working to improve the quality of CT imaging at UCSD. Dr. Santillan lectures and serves as a moderator at national meetings, including the meetings of the American Roentgen Ray Society, Radiological Society of North America and Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists. She is actively involved in resident education. Her research interests include liver imaging and cost-effectiveness analysis.

Elizabeth K Weihe, MD

Specialty:  
Radiology

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

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Radiology - Breast Imaging

Lucas (Luke) Hiller, MD
Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialties:
Breast Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Diagnostic Radiology: (619) 543-3405
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3060

Bio:
Luke Hiller, MD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in musculoskeletal disorders and breast diseases. As a radiologist, he treats injury and disease in the body through diagnostic imaging tests and interventional procedures that involve the use of X-ray, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound.
Radiology - Cardiothoracic Imaging

Seth J. Kligerman, MD
Chief, Cardiothoracic Imaging
Associate Professor of Radiology

Specialty: Radiology
Subspecialty: Cardiothoracic Imaging

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

Bio:
Seth J. Kligerman, MD, is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist and an associate professor in the Department of Radiology at UC San Diego School of Medicine.

Farshad Moradi, MD, PhD
Radiologist

Specialty: Radiology
Subspecialty: Cardiothoracic Imaging

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Farshad Moradi, MD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating disease using medical imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and positron emission tomography (PET). His expertise includes general nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology, and cardiothoracic, cancer, and brain imaging. Dr. Moradi is also experienced in using targeted radionuclide therapy to treat specific types of cancer such as thyroid cancer and metastatic prostate cancer.
Christopher J. Friend, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Associate Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0320

Bio:
Christopher Friend, MD, is a board-certified interventional and diagnostic radiologist. He specializes in image-guided, minimally invasive techniques to treat cancer, bone tumors, venous disease and uterine fibroid embolization.

Quinn C. Meisinger, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0320

Bio:
Quinn C. Meisinger, MD, is a radiologist who specializes in image-guided, minimally invasive techniques to treat cancer (interventional oncology), complex venous disease, inferior vena cava (IVC) filter retrieval, and uterine fibroid embolization.

Thomas B. Kinney, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Thomas Kinney, MD, is a board-certified interventional radiologist whose clinical expertise is managing the care of individuals with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), a potentially serious disorder of the blood vessels.

Jeet Minocha, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0320

Bio:
Jeet Minocha, MD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating disease and injury through the use of medical imaging techniques. These imaging techniques include X-ray, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound. As an interventional radiologist, Dr. Minocha uses minimally invasive, image-guided procedures targeted to treat the disease process.
Isabel G. Newton, MD, PhD
Interventional Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Isabel G. Newton, MD, PhD, is a board-certified diagnostic and interventional radiologist who performs all types of minimally invasive, image-guided procedures. She specializes in using interventional radiology techniques to treat cancer.

Andrew C. Picel, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0320

Bio:
Andrew C. Picel, MD, is a board-certified radiologist specializing in the use of imaging techniques to diagnose and treat disease and injury. These imaging techniques include X-ray, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound.

Gerant Rivera-Sanfeliz, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Professor of Radiology and Urology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0577

Bio:
Gerant Rivera-Sanfeliz, MD, is a board-certified vascular and interventional radiologist. His areas of expertise include varicose veins; uterine fibroids; uterine fibroid embolization; liver and biliary interventions; kidney cryoablation; genitourinary interventions; prostate artery embolization (PAE) for benign prostate hyperplasia; and cancer therapy. He is experienced in minimally invasive procedures such as radiofrequency ablation and endovenous laser therapy. He also has clinical and research interests in aortic stent-grafts and portal hypertension.
Radiology - Interventional Radiology (cont.)

Anne C. Roberts, MD
Division Chief, Vascular and Interventional Radiology
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6698

Bio:
Anne C. Roberts, MD, is a board-certified vascular and interventional radiologist who specializes in treating women's health issues with minimally invasive interventional radiology techniques.
Radiology - Musculoskeletal Imaging

Amilcare Gentili, MD
Radiologist
Professor of Radiology

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

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Amilcare Gentili, MD, is a board-certified radiologist. His specific areas of interest include musculoskeletal tumors, sport medicine, arthritis and musculoskeletal MR imaging.

Lucas (Luke) Hiller, MD
Radiologist
Assistant Professor of Radiology

Specialty: Radiology
Subspecialties: Breast Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging
Add'l Language: Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Diagnostic Radiology: (619) 543-3405
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3060

Bio:
Luke Hiller, MD, is a board-certified radiologist who specializes in musculoskeletal disorders and breast diseases. As a radiologist, he treats injury and disease in the body through diagnostic imaging tests and interventional procedures that involve the use of X-ray, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound.
Radiology - Musculoskeletal Imaging (cont.)

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.
Radiology - Neuroradiology

Julie Bykowski, MD
Neuroradiologist
Associate Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Neuroradiology

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Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Julie Bykowski, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist whose practice focuses on interpreting magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and radiographic images of the brain, head and neck, and spine. She is the consulting radiologist for Moores Cancer Center's head and neck tumor board, and for the Stroke Center team at UC San Diego Health.

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

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

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Nikdokht (Niky) Farid, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist who specializes in interpreting brain, spine and neck imaging studies to diagnose a variety of conditions. These conditions include tumors, strokes and other vascular disease, demyelinating disease, autoimmune disease, infectious and inflammatory disorders, seizures and congenital disorders.
Radiology - Neuroradiology (cont.)

**Jason Handwerker, MD**  
Neuroradiologist  
Associate Professor of Radiology

**Specialty:**  
Radiology  
**Subspecialty:**  
Neuroradiology

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**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**  
Jason Handwerker, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist who specializes in diagnostic imaging of the brain, neck and spine. He uses imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to diagnose conditions that affect the central nervous system, including aging and degenerative diseases, seizure, cancer, stroke, and trauma.

**Roland Robert Lee, MD**  
Chief of Neuroradiology  
Professor of Radiology in Residence

**Specialty:**  
Radiology  
**Subspecialty:**  
Neuroradiology

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

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

**Bio:**  
Roland Lee, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist and diagnostic radiologist who sees individuals with issues involving the brain, spine, and head and neck, including those with back pain and neurological disease. His clinical focus is on using MRI to diagnose diseases and injuries of the brain, including stroke, cancer, multiple sclerosis (MS), degenerative disease, trauma and dementia.
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 System.

Bernie Y. Sunwoo, MBBS
Medical Director, Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bernie Sunwoo, MBBS, is a board-certified pulmonologist and sleep medicine specialist who treats people with general lung conditions as well as rare lung diseases, sleep-related breathing disorders and hypoventilation syndromes.
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 at UC San Diego Health System.

William T. Kent, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
William Kent, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.
Stroke Care

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

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

J. Scott Pannell, MD
Neurointerventional Radiologist

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Radiology, Stroke Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
J. Scott Pannell, MD, is a neurointerventional radiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgery and neuroradiology. Dr. Pannell focuses on the catheter-based treatment of ischemic stroke, cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, vascular tumors, and interventional management of pain associated with disorders of the spine.
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.

Jill Buckley, MD
Urologist
Associate Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Jill Buckley, MD, is a board-certified, urologic trauma reconstruction surgeon. She has a special interest in caring for patients who have complex urinary conditions including urethral stricture, hypospadias and benign prostate hyperplasia, as well as individuals who have complications in the genitourinary area as a result of trauma or prostate cancer treatment.

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.

Joseph D Ciacci, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro-oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci's primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.
Surgery (cont.)

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

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

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

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology
Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.

Erik L Owens, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Endovascular Surgery

Add'l Language:
Norwegian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Erik Owens, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon. He is engaged in several clinical studies with interests in aortic aneurysms, treatment of venous stasis ulcers and minimally invasive bypass procedures. He serves as co-director for the Endovascular Training Center at the San Diego VA Medical Center.
Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Surgery - Critical Care

Emily F. Cantrell, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Emily Cantrell, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents, as well as people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.

Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS
Surgical Intensivist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's Level 1 Trauma Center, which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as the interim chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Leslie Kobayashi, MD
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.
Amelia J. Simpson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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Jacobs Medical Center

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Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
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Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

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Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

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Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty: Surgery
Subspecialties: Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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

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Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Surgery, Transplantation
Subspecialties: Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
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Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

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Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation,
Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Dennis Bandyk, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dennis Bandyk, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who diagnoses and treats people with disorders affecting the arteries, veins and lymphatic systems. He provides comprehensive medical treatment and reconstructive vascular surgical and endovascular (less invasive) techniques for individuals with all types of vascular conditions.

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Martin H. Pham, MD  
Neurosurgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Martin Pham, MD, is a neurosurgeon who focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. This includes adult scoliosis and spinal deformity, complex spinal reconstruction, robotic and minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation of the spine, spine tumors, and spine trauma.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

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Chair and Professor of Surgery

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Surgery - Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery,
Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers,
Pancreatic Cancer

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Surgery - Trauma

Emily F. Cantrell, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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

Contact:
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Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Emily Cantrell, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents, as well as people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.

Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS
Surgical Intensivist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
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Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's Level 1 Trauma Center, which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

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Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Leslie Kobayashi, MD
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
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Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

Amelia J. Simpson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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Transplantation - Heart Transplantation

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation

Jennifer Berumen, MD  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Transplantation, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation  
Professor of Surgery

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Surgery, Transplantation  
Subspecialties:  
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

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Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation,
Pancreas Transplantation

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Subspecialties:
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Transplantation, Surgery  

Subspecialties:  
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Subspecialties:  
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Urology

Urology is the branch of medicine and physiology concerned with the function and disorders of the urinary system — specifically the urinary tract in women and the urogenital system in men. Learn more about urology at UC San Diego Health System.

Jill Buckley, MD
Urologist
Associate Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Jill Buckley, MD, is a board-certified, urologic trauma reconstruction surgeon. She has a special interest in caring for patients who have complex urinary conditions including urethral stricture, hypospadias and benign prostate hyperplasia, as well as individuals who have complications in the genitourinary area as a result of trauma or prostate cancer treatment.
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.
Vascular Surgery

Vascular surgery is a specialty of medical surgery in which diseases of the vascular system, or arteries and veins, are managed by medical therapy, minimally-invasive catheter procedures, and surgical reconstruction. Learn more about vascular surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

Dennis Bandyk, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
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Vascular Surgery - Endovascular Surgery

Erik L Owens, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Endovascular Surgery
Add'l Language:
Norwegian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Erik Owens, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon. He is engaged in several clinical studies with interests in aortic aneurysms, treatment of venous stasis ulcers and minimally invasive bypass procedures. He serves as co-director for the Endovascular Training Center at the San Diego VA Medical Center.
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