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Cardiology - Electrophysiology

Frederick (Fred) Han, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: Electrophysiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

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

Bio:
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with all types of fast (tachycardia), slow (bradycardia), and irregular heart rhythm disorders, including both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.
Cardiology - Heart Failure

Hao (Howie) Tran, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Heart Failure

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Bio:
Howie Tran, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with end-stage or advanced heart failure. He cares for patients who require heart transplants and mechanical circulatory support devices, including ventricular assist devices (VADs) and percutaneous ventricular assist devices (pVADs). Dr. Tran is also experienced in right heart-catheterization with heart tissue biopsies.

Nicholas Wettersten, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
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Bio:
Nicholas Wettersten, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who treats patients with advanced heart failure.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery specializes in operations to the heart, chest or both — generally includes treatment for heart and lung diseases and conditions. Learn more about cardiothoracic (heart and lung) surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Steven Howe, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating a wide range of cardiovascular diseases, including aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, and other peripheral and major vascular conditions. Dr. Howe performs adult cardiothoracic surgery, including peripheral and major vascular surgery, thoracic and abdominal endovascular surgery and thoracic trauma surgery.
Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, diseases and pathology of the stomach and the intestines — including digestive diseases. Learn more about gastroenterology at UC San Diego Health.

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Additional Language:
French

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

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest:: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation):: (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology):: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta:: (951) 303-0734

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

Hepatology is a medical specialty that incorporates the study of the liver, gallbladder, biliary tract, and pancreas as well as management of their disorders. Learn more about hepatology at UC San Diego Health.

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Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology

Elise S. Brown, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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

**College Area - 6719 Alvarado Rd**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 229-6585

**Bio:**  
Elise Star Brown, MD, FACOG, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care, as well as comprehensive gynecological care, including well-woman visits, family planning (contraception counseling and all types of long-term reversible contraception), and treatment for issues such as abnormal bleeding, gynecological infections or sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, she also provides bio-identical hormone treatment for menopausal symptoms.

Perri Wittgrove, MD, FACOG, FACS
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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

**College Area - 6719 Alvarado Rd**

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**Bio:**  
Perri Lynne Wittgrove, MD, FACOG, FACS is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care, as well as comprehensive gynecological care, including well-woman visits, family planning (contraception counseling and all types of long-term reversible contraception), and treatment for issues such as abnormal bleeding, abnormal pap smears, and abnormal menses. In addition, she treats fibroids, as well as gynecological infections and sexually transmitted infections.
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.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

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Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

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