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  - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
  - 9434 Medical Center Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- **La Jolla Urgent Care**
  - 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- **Orthopedics Urgent Care**
  - Sports Medicine
  - 4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
  - San Diego, CA 92121

  - 4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92121

  - 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

  - 8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
  - San Diego, CA 92122

  - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

  - 9333 Genesee Avenue
  - San Diego, CA 92121

  - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - 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

  - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
  - 9400 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

  - Perlman Medical Offices
  - 9350 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- **Hillcrest**
  - **Hillcrest Emergency**
    - UC San Diego Medical Center
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - 4th and Lewis Medical Offices
    - 330 Lewis Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - Medical Offices North
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - Medical Offices South
    - 4168 Front Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - UC San Diego Medical Center
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

- **Rancho Bernardo**
  - Includes **Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care**
    - 16950 Via Tazon
    - San Diego, CA 92127

- **Encinitas**
  - Includes **Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)**
    - 1200 Garden View Road
    - Encinitas, CA 92024

    - 477 North El Camino Real
    - Encinitas, CA 92024

- **College Area**
  - 6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
  - San Diego, CA 92120

- **Downtown**
  - Downtown Express Care
    - 203 West F Street
    - San Diego, CA 92101

- **Vista**
  - 910 Sycamore Avenue
  - Vista, CA 92081

- **Sorrento Valley**
  - 4910 Directors Place
  - San Diego, CA 92121

- **Scripps Ranch**
  - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
  - San Diego, CA 92131

- **Kearny Mesa**
  - 7910 Frost Street
  - San Diego, CA 92123

- **Chula Vista**
  - 959 Lane Avenue
  - Chula Vista, CA 91914

- **Temecula**
  - 31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
  - Temecula, CA 92592

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

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Electrophysiology

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

**Contact:**
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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:** Cardiology
**Subspecialty:** Heart Failure

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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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](https://health.ucsd.edu) 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:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.
Family Medicine

Family Medicine provides health care for all ages, genders and diseases — it is focused on knowledge of the patient in the context of family and community — stressing disease prevention and health promotion. Learn more about family medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Nicholas Canelo, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

La Jolla - Ivanhoe Avenue

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 869-0188

Bio:
Nicholas Canelo, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through Perlman Clinic, an independent practice with clinic offices throughout San Diego. He is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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. He has expertise in performing 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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

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Primary Care

Primary care is the basic level of medical care at which a patient is evaluated and treated by a nurse or physician, and if necessary, is then referred to a medical specialist. Learn more about primary care at UC San Diego Health.

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Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

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Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

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Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
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