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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

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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:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Heart Failure

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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

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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.

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Affiliated Provider
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Affiliated Provider
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Pamela A. Wong Simmons, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

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Bio:
Pamela Wong Simmons, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. She is a member of 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

Add'l Language:
- French

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Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

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- Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplanatation): (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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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.

Cristina Bailey, MD
Primary Care Physician
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Specialties:
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Korean

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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.

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