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Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation,
Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver
cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspeciality:
Electrophysiology

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

Contact:
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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

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:
Howie Tran, MD, is a 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

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

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.
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.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation

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**Bio:**
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Pranab M. Barman, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation
- **Add'l Languages:** Hindi, Spanish

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**Bio:**
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman's expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Yuko Kono, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Japanese

Contact:
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Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD, is a liver doctor (hepatologist) with specialized training and experience managing the liver health of patients with primary liver cancer. Her clinical practice is focused on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is also an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Contact:
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Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

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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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.

Suzanne Sharpton, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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Bio:
Suzanne Sharpton, MD, MAS, is a general and transplant hepatologist with expertise in managing many types of chronic liver disease, including nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, chronic hepatitis, autoimmune disorders, cirrhosis, and liver disease caused by alcohol. She works closely with members of the UC San Diego Health Liver Transplant team in order to provide care to patients in need of liver transplantation.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
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.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Spanish

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Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

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Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
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Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

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Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist  
Professor of Medicine

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- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation  
- **Add'l Language:** French

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Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation

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Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP
Nephrologist
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
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Bio:
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant

Add'l Language:
Polish

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Bio:
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

Add'l Language:
Polish

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Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Transplant Nephrology

**Tomasz Beben, MD**
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation  
**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology  
**Add'l Language:**  
Polish

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**Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF**
Nephrologist

**Specialties:**  
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation  
**Subspecialties:**  
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Hindi, Urdu

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

**Bio:**  
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.
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.

David Coughlin, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
David Coughlin, MD, MTR, is a board-certified neurologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, tremor, essential tremor, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), multiple system atrophy, corticobasal syndrome, dementia with Lewy bodies, ataxia, dystonia, myoclonus, drug-induced movement disorders, and gait abnormalities.

Sean J. Evans, MD
Neurology Core Clerkship Director
Associate Clinical Professor
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Co-Director
Neurosciences Education Committee Chair

Specialty:
Neurology

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Bio:
Dr. Evans is a general clinical neurologist with broad experience in the clinical and electrophysiologic diagnosis and care of patients with neurologic disorders. He is the Director of the Neurology Core Clinical Clerkship, Co-Director of the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Core Course, and Director of the UC San Diego Medical Center Urgent Neurology clinic.
Neurology (cont.)

Dominic Ferrey, MD  
Neuropyschologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

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Bio:  
Dominic Ferrey, MD, is a board-certified neurophysiologist who specializes in neuromuscular conditions such as Lou Gehrig's disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]), myasthenia gravis, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), amyloid neuropathy and muscle diseases.

Betul M. Gundogdu, MD  
Neurologist  
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology  
Add'l Language:  
Turkish

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Bio:  
Betul Gundogdu, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who cares for patients with neuromuscular disorders such as ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease), myasthenia gravis, inflammatory neuropathies and muscular dystrophies. She serves as director of electromyography (EMG) laboratory and electrodiagnostic services at UC San Diego Health.

Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD  
Neurologist  
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology

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Bio:  
Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats adults and children. She partners with patients, families and the multiple sclerosis clinical team to provide comprehensive care for people of all ages. Specialty care tracks are offered for children and pregnant women with multiple sclerosis.

Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD  
Neurologist  
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500

Bio:  
Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD, is a board-certified, internationally recognized neurologist and multiple sclerosis (MS) expert. He is devoted to improving the diagnosis and care for people with MS and related disorders such as transverse myelitis; optic neuritis; neuromyelitis optica; autoimmune encephalitis; and systemic immune disorders that affect the central nervous system, including sarcoidosis and lupus. Dr. Kinkel directs the multiple sclerosis program at UC San Diego Health and leads the program's clinical, research, and educational efforts within the Department of Neurosciences.
Neurology (cont.)

Chamindra Konersman, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Chamindra Konersman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist at UC San Diego Health. She provides general neurological care to people with a range of neurologic conditions, with an emphasis on neuromuscular diseases. She sees patients with conditions including, inclusion body myositis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, myasthenia gravis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, periodic paralysis, and all muscular dystrophies.

Kevin McGehrin, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Palliative Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest:: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care:: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kevin McGehrin, MD, is a palliative care physician and board-certified neurologist who provides expert care for patients with a variety of neurological conditions, including Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease.

Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Adjunct Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neurodegenerative diseases. A neuroscientist and internationally recognized expert in dementia, Dr. Lipton is best known for developing the FDA-approved memantine (Namenda®, Namenda XR®, Namzaric®), the first drug in a novel class of medications used to treat moderate-to-severe Alzheimer’s disease.

William C. Mobley, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Distinguished Professor of Neurology

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
William Mobley, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who cares for patients with Alzheimer’s disease and other memory disorders. He has a special interest in diagnosing and guiding care for patients who have Down syndrome and signs of Alzheimer’s disease and other neurological conditions.
Neurology (cont.)

John Ravits, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
John Ravits, MD, is a board-certified clinical neurologist specializing in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), motor neuron diseases, neuromuscular disorders, and clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Ravits is the director of the ALS clinic at UC San Diego Health and vice chair of adult neurology and the neurological sciences.

Erik S. Viirre, MD, PHD
Neurotologist
Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Add'l Language:**
French

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
Dr. Viirre specializes in neurotology (diagnosis and outpatient treatment of vertigo, balance disorders, and tinnitus). He has been with the UC San Diego Department of Neurosciences since 2006 and the Department of Surgery, Division of Head and Neck Surgery since 1998. A member of numerous scientific boards, Dr. Viirre is also a research Professor in the UC San Diego Department of Cognitive Science and a research associate of the US Navy Naval Medical Center San Diego.
Neurology - Dementia

Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor Emeritus of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Dementia

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-1288

Bio:
Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in dementia and neurodegenerative conditions associated with Alzheimer’s disease, Huntington’s disease and multiple sclerosis. She has more than 20 years of experience treating multiple sclerosis and has cared for individuals with the most difficult cases and those with limited means.
Neurology - Headache

Hossein Ansari, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Turkish/Azeri

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Hossein Ansari, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and certified headache specialist who specializes in diagnosing and treating headaches and facial pain. He is highly experienced in caring for people with migraines, "cluster" headaches and trigeminal neuralgia.

Sara S. Siavoshi, DO
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurology

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Sara Siavoshi, DO, is a board-certified neurologist who treats headaches, migraines, traumatic brain injury and general neurological conditions. She performs procedures such as Botox injections, nerve blocks and trigger point injections. In addition, her research interests include migraines and facial pain.

Suzan Khoromi, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
French, Persian, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Suzan Khoromi, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating migraines, headaches and neurologic pain conditions.
Neurology - Movement Disorders

Stephanie Lessig, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Stephanie Lessig, MD, is a board-certified neurologist at UC San Diego Health and the VA San Diego Healthcare System. She regularly sees people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders, such as dystonia and ataxia. Dr. Lessig specializes in both deep brain stimulation and the administration of botulinum toxin.

Irene Litvan, MD, FAAN, FANA
Neurologist
Director, Movement Disorders Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Irene Litvan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and director of the Parkinson and Other Movement Disorders Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Litvan treats and diagnoses individuals with Parkinson's disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, dementia with Lewy bodies, corticobasal degeneration, multiple system atrophy, Huntington's disease, essential tremor and frontotemporal dementias.
Neurology - Movement Disorders (cont.)

Caitlin Mulligan, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Caitlin Mulligan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, tremor, dystonia, or other gait and balance problems. She has expertise and special interest in deep brain stimulation (DBS) as a tool to treat movement disorders, as well as botulinum toxin injections.

Brenton A. Wright, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Brenton Wright, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats people with movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, dystonia, tremor, ataxia, chorea, tics, tardive syndromes and other rare diseases.
Palliative Care

Kevin McGehrin, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Palliative Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kevin McGehrin, MD, is a palliative care physician and board-certified neurologist who provides expert care for patients with a variety of neurological conditions, including Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease.
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.

Cosmina Ciobanu, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-8019

Bio:
Cosmina Ciobanu, MD, is a board-certified child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist who treats children and adolescents with eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. Often her patients have other co-occurring mental health conditions, which she also treats, including depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, OCD, psychosis, ADHD, autism and oppositional defiant disorder.

Terry A. Schwartz, MD
Clinical Director, Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-8019

Bio:
Terry A. Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals with eating disorders, mood disorders and anxiety disorders. She has more than 20 years’ experience and has particular expertise in treating individuals who have an eating disorder co-occurring with mood, anxiety or substance abuse disorders.

Walter H. Kaye, MD
Director, Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-8019

Bio:
Walter Kaye, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating individuals with anorexia nervosa and other eating disorders. As director of the Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Kaye and his team use an intensive and innovative approach that addresses each person’s medical, psychological and psycho-educational health. The evidence-based program also offers family counseling to help patients and their families with improved understanding, communication, and capacity for growth.
Alexander Norbash, MD
Interventional Neuroradiologist
Chair and Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialties:
Neuroradiology, Interventional Radiology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Alexander Norbash, MD, is an interventional neuroradiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgical techniques to prevent strokes and restore normal blood flow in the neck and brain.
Radiology - Neuroradiology

Roland Robert Lee, MD  
Chief of Neuroradiology  
Professor of Radiology in Residence

Specialty:  
Radiology

Subspecialty:  
Neuroradiology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
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.

Alexander Norbash, MD  
Interventional Neuroradiologist  
Chair and Professor of Radiology

Specialty:  
Radiology

Subspecialties:  
Neuroradiology, Interventional Radiology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:  
Alexander Norbash, MD, is an interventional neuroradiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgical techniques to prevent strokes and restore normal blood flow in the neck and brain.
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

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.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children.
She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney
disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary
Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in
transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary
(liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver
tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.
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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation
and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver
and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living
donor kidney transplant program.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children.
She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney
disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

**Justin Parekh, MD**
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

**Bio:**  
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

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**Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH**
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

**Bio:**  
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

Add'l Language:
Polish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

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

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
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**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

**Bio:**
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP
Nephrologist
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Pranab M. Barman, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman’s expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.

Yuko Kono, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD, is a liver doctor (hepatologist) with specialized training and experience managing the liver health of patients with primary liver cancer. Her clinical practice is focused on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is also an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspeciality:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

Contact:
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Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
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Contact:
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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.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Suzanne Sharpton, MD  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialty:**
Liver Transplantation

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Suzanne Sharpton, MD, MAS, is a general and transplant hepatologist with expertise in managing many types of chronic liver disease, including nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, chronic hepatitis, autoimmune disorders, cirrhosis, and liver disease caused by alcohol. She works closely with members of the UC San Diego Health Liver Transplant team in order to provide care to patients in need of liver transplantation.

Irine E. Vodkin, MD  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialty:**
Liver Transplantation  
**Add'l Languages:**
Russian, Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
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**Bio:**
Irine Vodkin, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Transplantation - Pancreas 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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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

**Bio:**
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
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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Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary
Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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Bio:
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(liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver
tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation,
Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver
cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation (cont.)

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
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