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- 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

### Hillcrest
- **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

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- **1200 Garden View Road**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024
- **477 North El Camino Real**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

### Temecula
- **31720 Temecula Parkway**
  - Temecula, CA 92592

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

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

### Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego
- **3020 Children's Way**
  - San Diego, CA 92123

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

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Cardiology - Heart Failure

**Paul J. Kim, MD**
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Heart Failure

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Temecula Parkway

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-5743
Direct Clinic Line - Temecula: (951) 303-0734

**Bio:**
Paul Kim, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with advanced heart failure, including those who need ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplants. Dr. Kim also has specialized training in performing and interpreting cardiovascular magnetic resonance (MRI) and cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT) studies.

**Travis L. Pollema, DO**
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialties:**
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

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Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

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.
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 System.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Temecula Parkway

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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.

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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.

Monika A. Gupta, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology

Temecula Parkway

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Bio:
Monika Gupta, MD, is a board-certified neurologist. She provides care for people with a variety of neurologic conditions, and has a special interest in neuromuscular diseases. Dr. Gupta uses advanced neurodiagnostic techniques, including electromyography and nerve conduction studies to diagnose and treat neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and nervous system disorders.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Andrew Kitcher, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspeciality:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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**Bio:**
Andrew Kitcher, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist whose clinical interests include the pathophysiology of critical illness, cardiopulmonary physiology in mechanically ventilated patients, and palliative care in the ICU. Dr. Kitcher serves as medical director of the ICU at Temecula Valley Hospital, where he also directs the hospital's respiratory care services and pulmonary function testing.
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.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
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