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Orthopedics

Orthopedics is the branch of medicine specializing in the treatment of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system including bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Learn more about orthopedics at UC San Diego Health.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
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Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

James N. Hamilton, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
James Hamilton, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who cares for people with orthopedic injuries and conditions, including those with arthritis of the hip and knee and people with failed hip and knee replacements. He assists in performing a variety of procedures, including hip replacement, hip resurfacing, total and partial knee replacement, and revision arthroplasty of the hip and knee. Mr. Hamilton also works with patients to develop personalized treatment plans that fulfill their physical activity and lifestyle goals.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
German, Spanish

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Rheumatology, Orthopedics

**Subspecialty:**
Hand & Upper Extremity

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

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**Bio:**
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Bio:
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

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Bio:
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Francis Gonzales, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult hip and knee joint replacement surgery.
Orthopedics - Spine

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspeciality:
Spine

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Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

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