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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health.

Benjamin Beal, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Dr. Benjamin Beal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His training includes the treatment of acute and chronic pain via interventional and medication based therapies. His areas of specialty include fluoroscopic guided interventional spine injections, spinal cord stimulation, and ultrasound guided techniques.
Burn

Burn is damage to the skin or other body parts caused by heat, flame, contact with heated objects, or chemicals. Learn more about burn at UC San Diego Health.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Burn (cont.)

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS  
Director, Burn Center  
Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
Surgery, Burn  

Subspecialties:  
Trauma, Critical Care  

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  

Bio:  
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD  
Assistant Clinical Professor  

Specialties:  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn  

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

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746  

Bio:  
UC San Diego Health Links
Cancer

Cancer is an abnormal growth of cells which creates tumors, abnormal growths of tissue, and clusters of cells that are capable of growing and dividing uncontrollably — oncology is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Learn more about cancer at UC San Diego Health.

Jack Bui, MD, PhD
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Jack Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist with expertise in tumor immunology and immune function tests. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to diagnosis diseases and define their extent. Dr. Bui interfaces between the cancer research and immunology programs.

Oluwole Fadare, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Oluwole Fadare, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in gynecologic and breast cancers. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to provide a definitive diagnosis of disease and define their extent.

Mark A. Valasek, MD, PhD
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Mark Valasek, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system, liver, and pancreas. He studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate these diseases and define their extent.

Daniel Vicario, MD
Medical Director, San Diego Cancer Center
Director, Integrative Oncology Program

Specialty:
Cancer

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Dr. Vicario is a medical oncologist who co-founded the San Diego Cancer Center (SDCC). He is a pioneer in the research of mind-body medicine (the influence of the human spirit on the healing process) and in the field of integrative medicine. He created the Integrative Medicine Program at SDCC in 1988, and has been director of the program for over a decade.
Cancer - Breast Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic, and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Richard Schwab, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - Breast Health Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Richard Schwab, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer. As needed, Dr. Schwab treats women with endocrine therapy and/or chemotherapy. These treatments can be used to reduce the risk of breast cancer spreading to other parts of the body and can help allow for breast conserving surgery. He also provides medications that can be used to improve the lives of patients with breast cancer that has spread elsewhere in the body.

Angelique E. Richardson, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Angelique Richardson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She uses chemotherapy, hormone therapy and targeted therapies to offer the best possible treatment options.
**Rupa Subramanian, MD**

**Specialty:**
Cancer

**Subspecialty:**
Breast Cancer

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**  
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

**Bio:**
Rupa Subramanian, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and director of breast cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. She believes in compassionate and personalized patient care and using new advanced therapies to create the optimal healing environment for the mind and body.

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**Anne M. Wallace, MD**

**Director, Comprehensive Breast Health Center**  
**Professor of Surgery**

**Specialties:**
Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Surgical Oncology, Breast Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**
Anne M. Wallace, MD, is a board-certified general and plastic surgeon who specializes in all aspects of breast health, with a focus on breast cancer and breast reconstruction. She directs UC San Diego Health’s Comprehensive Breast Health Center, which offers premier breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and personalized care. Dr. Wallace’s other specialties include melanoma diagnosis and treatment, as well as all forms of cosmetic breast and body contouring surgery.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

**Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS**  
Colorectal Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

**Bio:**  
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

**Anjali Bharne, MD**  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**  
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**  
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Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Bio:
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.

Rebekah R. (Becke) White, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rebekah White, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating tumors of the pancreas, liver, bile duct, and upper gastrointestinal tract such as the stomach. Dr. White is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where she works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide cancer patients with advanced surgical options that are best suited to their individual needs.
Cancer - Gynecological Cancers

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:
Spanish

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

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Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers (cont.)

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of a wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

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Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Lung Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:
Spanish

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thorascopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.
Cancer - Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Anne M. Wallace, MD
Director, Comprehensive Breast Health Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Breast Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Anne M. Wallace, MD, is a board-certified general and plastic surgeon who specializes in all aspects of breast health, with a focus on breast cancer and breast reconstruction. She directs UC San Diego Health's Comprehensive Breast Health Center, which offers premier breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and personalized care. Dr. Wallace's other specialties include melanoma diagnosis and treatment, as well as all forms of cosmetic breast and body contouring surgery.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology

John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
John F. Alksne, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who focuses on the care of patients with neurological conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia (tic doloreux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.
Cancer - Pancreatic Cancer

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers,
Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical
director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He
specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies
and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the
treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus,
stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.
Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Frederick Millard, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Urologic Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Frederick Millard, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with genitourinary (urologic) cancers, including bladder cancer, kidney cancer, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and other germ cell tumors, as well as other rarer cancer types. He is a founder and former co-director of the genitourinary oncology team at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center. His particular interest is in treatment of patients with germ cell tumors (testicular cancer) and improving the care of these patients in the San Diego community.
Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.
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.

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thorascopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
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Colon and Rectal Surgery

Colon and Rectal surgery is the medical specialty dealing with surgeries for disorders of the rectum, anus, and colon. Learn more about colon and rectal surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

**Bio:**
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.

John B. Dever, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
John Dever, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats patients with acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, and other diseases of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, pancreas, gallbladder, bile ducts and liver. Dr. Dever focuses on wellness, brain-gut-microbiome-axis physiology, and longevity.

Parambir S. Dulai, MBBS
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Parambir Dulai, MBBS, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
Joshua Rubin, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialty:**
General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Joshua Rubin, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats diseases of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon and rectum, pancreas, gallbladder, bile ducts and liver. He specializes in colon cancer prevention, Helicobacter pylori infection (H. pylori) and eosinophilic conditions of the gastrointestinal tract (eosinophils are white blood cells that can cause inflammation). This includes eosinophilic esophagitis and eosinophilic gastroenteritis.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.

Wilson Kwong, MD
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**
Wilson Kwong, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in treating pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Kwong's expertise also includes performing complex endoscopic procedures.
John B. Dever, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
John Dever, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats patients with acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, and other diseases of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, pancreas, gallbladder, bile ducts and liver. Dr. Dever focuses on wellness, brain-gut-microbiome-axis physiology, and longevity.

Parambir S. Dulai, MBBS
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Parambir Dulai, MBBS, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

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Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
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Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hematology (the study of “blood diseases”) is the branch of internal medicine that is concerned with the study of blood, blood-forming organs, and blood diseases. Learn more about hematology/blood diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Srila Gopal, MBBS
Hematologist

Specialty:
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Tamil

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Srila Gopal, MBBS, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with blood disorders. She has a particular focus on hemoglobinopathies, including sickle cell disease, thalassemia, other anemias, and bleeding, clotting and white blood cell disorders. Dr. Gopal leads UC San Diego Health's adult sickle cell disease program.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
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Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which kills or impairs cells of the immune system and progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers. Learn more about HIV/AIDS care at UC San Diego Health.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Ronald J. Ellis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in adult neurological diagnosis and treatment for patients with HIV or AIDS. He is the only specialist in the neurology of HIV/AIDS in the San Diego area and also receives referrals from throughout California.
Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about internal medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Karen Cadman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Karen Cadman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Mary Jaramillo, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Mary Jaramillo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Charles Hergesheimer, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Charles Hergesheimer, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

Neil Levine, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Neil Levine, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including nutrition, preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Christine Nguyen, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Christine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults and seniors, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Ryan W. Stewart, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Ryan Stewart, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Medical Oncology

Medical oncology focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer and other benign and malignant tumors. Medical oncologists administer therapy for these malignancies and collaborate with surgical and radiation oncologists to provide cancer treatments. Learn more about cancer care at UC San Diego Health.

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

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Frederick Millard, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Urologic Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
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Angelique E. Richardson, MD, PhD  
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:  
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:  
Angelique Richardson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She uses chemotherapy, hormone therapy and targeted therapies to offer the best possible treatment options.

Richard Schwab, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:  
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100  
Direct Clinic Line - Breast Health Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:  
Richard Schwab, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer. As needed, Dr. Schwab treats women with endocrine therapy and/or chemotherapy. These treatments can be used to reduce the risk of breast cancer spreading to other parts of the body and can help allow for breast conserving surgery. He also provides medications that can be used to improve the lives of patients with breast cancer that has spread elsewhere in the body.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
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

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

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

**Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD**
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialties:**
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**
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**Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD**
Neurologist

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4447

**Bio:**
Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with general neurology disorders, as well as multiple sclerosis and other neuromuscular disorders. She is also interested in the neurologic complications of cancer and cancer therapy.

**Betul M. Gundogdu, MD**
Neurologist

**Add'l Language:**
Turkish

**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:**
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 electrodagnostic services at UC San Diego Health.
Neurology (cont.)

Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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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.

Kevin McGehegan, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Palliative Care

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

Contact:
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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 McGehegan, 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.

Erik S. Viirre, MD, PHD
Professor (Adjunct)

Specialty:
Neurology
Add’l Language:
French

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La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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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 an 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
Professor Emeritus of Neurosciences
Neurologist

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 - Epilepsy

David J. Lee, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences
Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Language:
Korean
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540
Bio:
David J. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats seizures and epilepsy, including epilepsy that does not respond to medication.

June Yoshii-Contreras, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences
Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Language:
Spanish
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540
Bio:
June Yoshii-Contreras, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating people with epilepsy. She takes a holistic approach in helping patients deal with the challenges that are common in the epilepsy population in order to improve their overall quality of life. Her clinical interests involve treating complex epilepsy patients with medications, surgery and implanted neuro-stimulation devices.
Neurology - Headache

Suzan Khoromi, MD
Neurologist

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

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

Sara S. Siavoshi, DO
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurology

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

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Contact:
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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.
Neurology - Movement Disorders

Dominic Ferrey, MD
Neurologist

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Movement Disorders

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

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

**Bio:**
Dominic Ferry, MD, is a board-certified neurologist 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.

Stephanie Lessig, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Movement Disorders

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

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Stephanie Lessig, MD, is a board-certified neurologist with 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.
Neurology - Stroke

Branko Huisa-Garate, MD
Vascular Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Stroke
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Branko Huisa-Garate, MD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist who specializes in treating cerebrovascular diseases such as acute ischemic stroke, cerebrovascular malformations, vascular dementia and vascular cognitive impairment.

Brett C Meyer, MD
Co-Director, UCSD Stroke Center
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences
Medical Director, UCSD Enterprise Telemedicine

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Brett C. Meyer, MD, is a neurologist at UC San Diego Medical Center, Co-Director of the UC San Diego Stroke Center, and Medical Director for UC San Diego Enterprise Telemedicine. He specializes in acute cerebrovascular disease therapies and technological evaluation and treatment techniques.
Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology

John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
John F. Alksne, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who focuses on the care of patients with neurological conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia (tic doloreux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.

Neurosurgery - Spine

Lawrence Marshall, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Subspeciality:
Spine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Lawrence Marshall, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon and an internationally renowned expert in traumatic head injury. Dr. Marshall's surgical interests cover all of neurosurgery but especially diseases of the spine and spinal cord, brain tumors, and peripheral nerves.
Tatiana Catanzarite, MD
Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Urogynecology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
Tatiana Catanzarite is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist who specializes in surgical and nonsurgical treatment for women with pelvic floor disorders, such as urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, overactive bladder, bowel dysfunction and interstitial cystitis (painful bladder syndrome).
Ophthalmology - Cornea

Thao Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Cornea

Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Dr. Nguyen shares that, though a number of years into her practice, she still finds surgery on the eye interesting as it requires her full attention to detail and precision. "On a weekly basis I witness how eye surgeries provide dramatic results, and, in a relatively short time, make vast differences in my patients' quality of life."
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.

Paymaneh (Pam) Sabet, DPM
Podiatrist and Wound Care Specialist

Specialties:
Podiatry, Orthopedics

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5969

Bio:
Pam Sabet, DPM, is a podiatrist who specializes in foot and ankle surgery and wound care. Podiatrists, also referred to as foot doctors or podiatric physicians, are specialists who diagnose and treat all conditions of the feet, ankles and legs. Their care also focuses on how the health of these structures impact the rest of the body. Dr. Sabet’s expertise includes treating foot and ankle diseases and their causes, reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, and wound care for diabetic foot ulcers.
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

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.
Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

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

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr. Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Orthopedics - Spine

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

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.
Pain Management

Pain management is the pharmacological, nonpharmacological and other treatment to prevent, reduce, or stop pain. Learn more about pain management at UC San Diego Health.

Benjamin Beal, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management
Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Dr. Benjamin Beal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His training includes the treatment of acute and chronic pain via interventional and medication based therapies. His areas of specialty include fluoroscopic guided interventional spine injections, spinal cord stimulation, and ultrasound guided techniques.
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.

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease.

**Jack Bui, MD, PhD**
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**
Pathology, Cancer

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

**Bio:**
Jack Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist with expertise in tumor immunology and immune function tests. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to diagnosis diseases and define their extent. Dr. Bui interfaces between the cancer research and immunology programs.

**Oluwole Fadare, MD**
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**
Pathology, Cancer

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

**Bio:**
Oluwole Fadare, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in gynecologic and breast cancers. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to provide a definitive diagnosis of disease and define their extent.

**Mark A. Valasek, MD, PhD**
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**
Pathology, Cancer

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

**Bio:**
Mark Valasek, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system, liver, and pancreas. He studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate these diseases and define their extent.

**Vera Vavinskaya, MD**
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5327

**Bio:**
Vera Vavinskaya, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate diseases and define their extent. She specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system and liver. She also has expertise in studying diseases on the cellular level (cytopathology).
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Plastic Surgery

Plastic surgery is the branch of surgery which repairs external damaged tissue, remedies physical impairments or aesthetically enhances. Learn more about plastic surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Plastic Surgery - Cosmetic Surgery

Marek Dobke, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
- Plastic Surgery
- Surgery

Subspecialty:
- Cosmetic Surgery

Add'l Language:
- Polish

Contact:
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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Marek Dobke, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon with expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast and in facial rejuvenation, as well as in the application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery.

Amanda A. Gosman, MD
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
- Plastic Surgery
- Surgery

Subspecialties:
- Cosmetic Surgery
- Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
- Spanish

Contact:
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.
Christopher Reid, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Plastic Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Christopher Reid, MD, is a plastic surgeon with expertise in microsurgery, breast reconstruction, complex reconstruction, and aesthetic surgery of the breast and body. He performs breast reconstruction with a variety of flap surgery methods, including DIEP flap, TRAM flap, SGAP flap and PAP flap.
Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive Surgery

**Amanda A. Gosman, MD**  
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery  
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

**Bio:**  
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.

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**Christopher Reid, MD**  
Plastic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Plastic Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 294-3746  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 697-7000

**Bio:**  
Christopher Reid, MD, is a plastic surgeon with expertise in microsurgery, breast reconstruction, complex reconstruction, and aesthetic surgery of the breast and body. He performs breast reconstruction with a variety of flap surgery methods, including DIEP flap, TRAM flap, SGAP flap and PAP flap.
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.

Karen Cadman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Karen Cadman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Charles Hergesheimer, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Charles Hergesheimer, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.
Primary Care (cont.)

Mary Jaramillo, MD
Primary Care Physician
Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Vista - Sycamore Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776
Bio:
Mary Jaramillo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Christine Nguyen, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine
Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Language:
Vietnamese
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776
Bio:
Christine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults and seniors, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Neil Levine, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine
Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Vista - Sycamore Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776
Bio:
Neil Levine, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including nutrition, preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Ryan W. Stewart, MD
Primary Care Physician
Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Vista - Sycamore Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776
Bio:
Ryan Stewart, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Sports Medicine

Sports medicine is the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment of injuries or illnesses from athletic activities. Learn more about sports medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

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.
Stroke Care

Stroke care is the medical treatment for a stroke — when the blood supply to part of your brain is interrupted or severely reduced, resulting in the sudden death of brain cells. Learn more about stroke care at UC San Diego Health.

Brett C Meyer, MD
Co-Director, UCSD Stroke Center
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences
Medical Director, UCSD Enterprise Telemedicine

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Brett C. Meyer, MD, is a neurologist at UC San Diego Medical Center, Co-Director of the UC San Diego Stroke Center, and Medical Director for UC San Diego Enterprise Telemedicine. He specializes in acute cerebrovascular disease therapies and technological evaluation and treatment techniques.
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.

John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
John F. Alksne, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who focuses on the care of patients with neurological conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia (tic doloreux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.

Marek Dobke, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Surgery
Add'l Language:
Polish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Marek Dobke, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon with expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast and in facial rejuvenation, as well as in the application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery.
Surgery (cont.)

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr. Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

Amanda A. Gosman, MD
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.

Lawrence Marshall, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Lawrence Marshall, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon and an internationally renowned expert in traumatic head injury. Dr. Marshall's surgical interests cover all of neurosurgery but especially diseases of the spine and spinal cord, brain tumors, and peripheral nerves.
C. Lowell Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
C. Lowell Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who diagnoses and treats all urologic disorders, and specializes in caring for patients who have interstitial cystitis (IC). Internationally recognized as a leading physician and researcher in IC, he has developed major new diagnostic tools and treatments for the disease and has published over 225 medical journal articles and textbook chapters. Health care professionals from around the world have visited his clinic and attended his lectures to learn the latest techniques for detecting and treating IC.

Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral strictures, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.

Roger Sur, MD
Urologist
Director, Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Kidney Stones

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Roger Sur, MD, is a board-certified urologist and founder/director of the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health that focuses on surgical treatment, medical prevention and research into causes of kidney stones. He specializes in percutaneous nephrolithotomy using the latest, minimally invasive techniques.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

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La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Surgery (cont.)

Jason Woo, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Urologic Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Jason Woo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.
Surgery - Critical Care

**Allison E. Berndtson, MD, FACS**
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

*Specialty:* Surgery  
*Subspecialties:* Trauma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

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**Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS**
Surgical Intensivist  
Associate Professor of Surgery  
Medical Director, Trauma

*Specialty:* Surgery  
*Subspecialties:* Trauma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's [Level 1 Trauma Center](https://health.ucsd.edu), which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Leslie Kobayashi, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Amy E. Liepert, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Amy E. Liepert, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients that have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency general surgery for issues such as appendicitis, gallstones, hernias, diverticulitis and acute bowel emergencies.

Jessica Weaver, MD, PhD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jessica L. Weaver, MD, PhD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias. She also provides elective general surgery consultations at the outpatient clinic in Hillcrest medical offices.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

Omar Al-Nouri, DO
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Arabic

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Omar Al-Nouri, DO, MS, RPVI, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who specializes in a wide spectrum of vascular diseases, including complex treatment of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, carotid disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, venous disease and hemodialysis access. He uses both open and endovascular (less invasive) techniques to provide patients with the best possible approach.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Seth Bechis, MD, is a board-certified urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, and men's health issues. As member of the comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health, he has a special interest in advanced surgical treatment, medical prevention and research on kidney stone disease. He also performs advanced procedures for BPH as well as robotic surgery.

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thorascopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

**Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD**
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology

Anne M. Wallace, MD
Director, Comprehensive Breast Health Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Breast Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Anne M. Wallace, MD, is a board-certified general and plastic surgeon who specializes in all aspects of breast health, with a focus on breast cancer and breast reconstruction. She directs UC San Diego Health’s Comprehensive Breast Health Center, which offers premier breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and personalized care. Dr. Wallace’s other specialties include melanoma diagnosis and treatment, as well as all forms of cosmetic breast and body contouring surgery.

Rebekah R. (Becke) White, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rebekah White, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating tumors of the pancreas, liver, bile duct, and upper gastrointestinal tract such as the stomach. Dr. White is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where she works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide cancer patients with advanced surgical options that are best suited to their individual needs.
Surgery - Trauma

Allison E. Berndtson, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Trauma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS
Surgical Intensivist
Associate Professor of Surgery
Medical Director, Trauma

**Specialty:**
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Trauma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
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**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's [Level 1 Trauma Center](https://health.ucsd.edu), which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Leslie Kobayashi, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

Amy E. Liepert, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Amy E. Liepert, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients that have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency general surgery for issues such as appendicitis, gallstones, hernias, diverticulitis and acute bowel emergencies.

Jessica Weaver, MD, PhD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jessica L. Weaver, MD, PhD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias. She also provides elective general surgery consultations at the outpatient clinic in Hillcrest medical offices.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation

Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.
Urology

Urology is the branch of medicine and physiology concerned with the function and disorders of the urinary system — specifically the urinary tract in women and the urogenital system in men. Learn more about urology at UC San Diego Health.

Philip C. Bosch, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialty:
Urology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
Philip C. Bosch, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome (IC/BPS). IC/BPS is a chronic urinary bladder disease characterized by increased urinary frequency, urgency, and/or pelvic pain.

C. Lowell Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
C. Lowell Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who diagnoses and treats all urologic disorders, and specializes in caring for patients who have interstitial cystitis (IC). Internationally recognized as a leading physician and researcher in IC, he has developed major new diagnostic tools and treatments for the disease and has published over 225 medical journal articles and textbook chapters. Health care professionals from around the world have visited his clinic and attended his lectures to learn the latest techniques for detecting and treating IC.
Urology - Incontinence

Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Urology - Kidney Stones

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Seth Bechis, MD, is a board-certified urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, and men’s health issues. As member of the comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health, he has a special interest in advanced surgical treatment, medical prevention and research on kidney stone disease. He also performs advanced procedures for BPH as well as robotic surgery.

Roger Sur, MD
Urologist
Director, Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Kidney Stones

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Roger Sur, MD, is a board-certified urologist and founder/director of the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health that focuses on surgical treatment, medical prevention and research into causes of kidney stones. He specializes in percutaneous nephrolithotomy using the latest, minimally invasive techniques.

Jason Woo, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Urologic Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Jason Woo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.
Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Incontinence, Urogynecology

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

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

**Bio:**
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Amir Ali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.

Jason Woo, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Urologic Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Jason Woo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.
Vascular Surgery - Endovascular Surgery

Omar Al-Nouri, DO
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Arabic

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Omar Al-Nouri, DO, MS, RPVI, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who specializes in a wide spectrum of vascular diseases, including complex treatment of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, carotid disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, venous disease and hemodialysis access. He uses both open and endovascular (less invasive) techniques to provide patients with the best possible approach.

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.
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