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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America’s Top Doctors and U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

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Request an Appointment
Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

→ New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call 800-926-8273, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

→ Current Patients
  Contact your physician’s office directly to schedule an appointment or call the main switchboard number, 858-657-7000, and ask to be transferred to your physician’s office.

→ Find a Doctor
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Consultations
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- San Diego, CA 92121
- 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
- La Jolla, CA 92037
- 8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
- San Diego, CA 92122
- 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
- La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9333 Genesee Avenue
- San Diego, CA 92121
- 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
- La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9350 Campus Point Drive
- La Jolla, CA 92037
- **Shiley Eye Institute**
  - 9415 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
  - 9434 Medical Center Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Moores Cancer Center**
  - 3855 Health Sciences Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Jacobs Medical Center**
  - 9300 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

### Hillcrest
- **4th and Lewis Medical Offices**
  - 330 Lewis Street
  - San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices North**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices South**
  - 4168 Front Street
  - San Diego, CA 92103
- **UC San Diego Medical Center**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92103

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

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

### Scripps Ranch
- **9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.**
  - San Diego, CA 92131

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

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

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

### Temecula
- 31720 Temecula Parkway
- Temecula, CA 92952

### Sorrento Valley
- 4910 Directors Place
- San Diego, CA 92121
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Neurosurgery

Neurosurgery specializes in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders which affect the nervous system. Learn more about neurosurgery at UC San Diego Health System.

J. Scott Pannell, MD
Neurointerventional Radiologist

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Radiology, Stroke Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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**Bio:**
J. Scott Pannell, MD, is a neurointerventional radiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgery and neuroradiology. Dr. Pannell focuses on the catheter-based treatment of ischemic stroke, cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, vascular tumors, and interventional management of pain associated with disorders of the spine.
Neurosurgery - Complex Cranial Surgery

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair of Neurosurgery
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

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Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in cranial and endovascular surgery. He is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and director of endovascular neurosurgery. He provides both open surgical and catheter-based approaches to complex neurosurgical problems, including brain tumors, aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations (AVM) and carotid disease. His vascular training informs his surgical approach to complex tumors in the brain. He is a fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (FAANS), American Heart Association Stroke Council (FAHA), and senior member of the Society of Neurointerventional Surgery (SNIS).
Neurosurgery - Endovascular Neurosurgery

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Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology

Joseph D Ciacci, MD  
Neurosurgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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**Bio:**  
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro- oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci's primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.

Sunil Jeswani, MD  
Neurosurgeon

**Specialties:**  
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine

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Martin H. Pham, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Martin Pham, MD, is a neurosurgeon who focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. This includes adult scoliosis and spinal deformity, complex spinal reconstruction, robotic and minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation of the spine, spine tumors, and spine trauma.
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