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Pulmonology (Lung)

Pulmonology is the branch of medicine specializing in the study and science of the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the lungs. Learn more about pulmonology (lung) at UC San Diego Health.

Bernie Y. Sunwoo, MBBS
Medical Director, Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 757-5337

Bio:
Bernie Sunwoo, MBBS, is a board-certified pulmonologist and sleep medicine specialist who treats people with general lung conditions as well as rare lung diseases, sleep-related breathing disorders and hypoventilation syndromes.
Praveen Akuthota, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Asthma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Praveen Akuthota, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats all types of asthma as well as eosinophilic pulmonary disease, including eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome), allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, and eosinophilic pneumonia. Eosinophilic lung disorders involve an increased number of eosinophils (white blood cells) in the lungs. These white blood cells are part of the immune system and fight off allergic or chemical reactions and some infections.
Praveen Akuthota, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Asthma, Critical Care

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George Z. Cheng, MD, PhD
Interventional Pulmonologist
Medical Director, Interventional Pulmonary, Bronchoscopy and Pleural Services
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Cancer

Subspecialties:
Interventional Pulmonology, Lung Cancer, Critical Care

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5840
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
George Cheng, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who specializes in interventional pulmonology. He performs minimally invasive procedures for diagnosis and treatment of lung and pleural diseases. These include malignant and benign diseases of the lung, such as lung cancer, sarcoidosis, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pulmonary fibrosis and other conditions. Dr. Cheng specializes in treating airway problems such as airway tumors, airway narrowing, asthma, COPD, and pleural disease (i.e. fluid around the lung) with minimally invasive approaches. He serves as the medical director of interventional pulmonary, bronchoscopy and pleural services.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care (cont.)

Phillip H. Factor, DO, FCCP
Pulmonologist
Associate Chief Medical Officer, Inpatient Operations

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Phillip Factor, DO, MHL, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician who specializes in treating patients in the intensive care setting. Dr. Factor also serves as associate chief medical officer of Inpatient Operations at UC San Diego Health. In this role, he coordinates key hospital-based services, including critical care, hospitalist, palliative care and infectious disease services, as well as inpatient flow and capacity.

Naveen Gupta, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 757-5337

Bio:
Naveen Gupta, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. His expertise and clinical interests include sepsis, acute lung injury, pulmonary fibrosis, and general pulmonary medicine. Dr. Gupta is committed to providing high-quality, evidenced-based care to all of his patients. He sees individuals in the Intensive Care Unit and on the pulmonary consult service at Jacobs Medical Center and UC San Diego Medical Center, and also provides care at the general pulmonary clinic on Executive Drive.

Biren Kamdar, MD, MHS
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Biren Kamdar, MD, MBA, MS, MHS, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. He cares for adult patients in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and those with general lung conditions.
Jinghong Li, MD, PhD  
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
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Bio:
Jinghong Li, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and intensive care specialist who cares for people with diseases related to lungs and breathing. Her areas of expertise include asthma, lung cancer, interstitial lung disease, and treating and managing the care of critically ill patients.

Jeremy E. Orr, MD  
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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Bio:
Jeremy E. Orr, MD, is a board-certified pulmonary and critical care physician who specializes in hypoventilation disorders, neuromuscular respiratory weakness, chronic lung disease, non-invasive ventilation management and critical care medicine.

Alexandra Rose, MD  
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Alexandra Rose, MD, is a board-certified lung doctor who specializes in treating seriously ill or injured patients with a wide range of conditions in the intensive care setting.
Rebecca E. Sell, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
Rebecca Sell, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist and critical care physician. She treats people with chronic lung disease and cares for patients in the Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Sell also is the associate program director for internal medicine at UC San Diego Health as well as medical director of resuscitation.
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Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Thao Drcar, MS, ANP-BC, CNS
Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:** Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialties:** Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)
**Add'l Language:** Vietnamese

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7100

**Bio:**
Thao Drcar, MS, is a board-certified adult nurse practitioner (ANP-BC) and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) who treats patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH). She helps manage the complex care of patients who are undergoing pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE) surgery and balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA).

Kim M. Kerr, MD
Professor of Medicine
Vice Chief, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

**Specialty:** Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialties:** Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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**Bio:**
Kim M. Kerr, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. Her clinical and research interests are in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension and critical care. Dr. Kerr attends on the pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE), the ICU, and pulmonary consult services. She is involved in both inpatient and outpatient clinical trials studying pulmonary vascular disease and critical care medicine.

Melissa D. Stinson, MS, ANP-BC, CCRN
Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:** Pulmonology (Lung)
**Subspecialties:** Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

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Jacobs Medical Center

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**Bio:**
Melissa Stinson, MS, is a board-certified adult nurse practitioner (ANP-BC), clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and critical care registered nurse (CCRN) who treats people with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH). She manages the complex care of patients who are undergoing pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE) surgery and balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA).
**Angela Bautista, MS, PA-C**

**Specialty:** Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialty:** Pulmonary Vascular Disease

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**Bio:**
Angela Bautista, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who treats patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH). As part of the care team, she helps evaluate, plan and implement treatments for individuals with CTEPH in both the hospital and outpatient setting.

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