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La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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9415 Campus Point Drive
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9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

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3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92039

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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Hillcrest Emergency
UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

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330 Lewis Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices North
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

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4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103

UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

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Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

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Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

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6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

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203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
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San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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.

Sharona Ben-Haim, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Spine
Add'l Languages:
Hebrew, Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Sharona Ben-Haim, MD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in caring for people with treatment-resistant epilepsy, chronic pain including facial pain and trigeminal neuralgia, spasticity, and movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, dystonia and essential tremor. She performs deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgeries, including "awake" microelectrode-guided DBS and "asleep" MRI- and CT-guided DBS.

David Barba, MD, FAANS
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
David Barba, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon focusing on surgical treatment of people with epilepsy and movement disorders.
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.

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.
Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

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

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, MBA, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in cranial and endovascular surgery. He is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences. 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).

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Samuel Lance, MD, is a plastic surgeon who specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, with expertise in adult and pediatric craniofacial surgery. He is the director of adult craniomaxillofacial surgery (i.e. surgery related to the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures).

Lawrence Marshall, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
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.
Marc S. Schwartz, MD
Neurosurgeon

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

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 543-5540
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 657-8590
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Marc Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally renowned expert on the treatment of patients with acoustic neuromas, skull base tumors, and neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). He is also the recognized neurosurgical leader in the field of auditory brainstem implants. In addition, Dr. Schwartz treats complex cranial problems, meningiomas, brain tumors, pituitary tumors, cranial nerve disorders, and intradural spine tumors.

Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties: Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language: Arabic

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Ahmed Suliman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who performs a broad spectrum of aesthetic (cosmetic) and reconstructive procedures to address the effects of a medical condition or injury, or to enhance one's appearance.

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
Hoi Sang U, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0798
Fax: (619) 471-3931

Bio:
Hoi Sang U, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally recognized specialist in the treatment of vascular anomalies known as AVMs. Patients have traveled to UCSD from as far away as Australia, Hong Kong, the Sultanate of Brunei, Africa and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to take advantage of his expertise.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation,
Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in
liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children.
She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney
disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary
Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in
transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary
(liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver
tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Martin H. Pham, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

Additional Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

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.

William Taylor, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
William Taylor, MD, is a board-certified neurological surgeon. His practice focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. He is also dedicated to further developing and refining minimally invasive surgical procedures used to treat spinal conditions and diseases.
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