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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
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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
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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92033

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

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

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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
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Vista, CA 92081

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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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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 System.

Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA
Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

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

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

**Bio:**
Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA, is a board-certified anesthesiologist with subspecialty training in critical care and neurosurgical anesthesia. He oversees anesthesia care for UC San Diego Health's acoustic neuroma program.

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 System.

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 - Neurological Oncology

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.
Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about endocrinology and diabetes at UC San Diego Health System.

Charles H. Choe, MD  
Clinical Service Chief - Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism  
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**  
Charlie Choe, MD, is a board certified endocrinologist. He also holds an active Endocrine Certification in Neck Ultrasound from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists for performing ultrasound and ultrasound-guided biopsies for patients with thyroid nodules and cancer.

Vala Hamidi, MD  
Endocrinologist

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**Add'l Language:**  
Farsi

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303  
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8440

**Bio:**  
Vala Hamidi, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, disorders of calcium and skeletal metabolism, osteoporosis, pituitary and adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and thyroid disorders. She also provides care in general endocrinology.

Steven Victor Edelman, MD  
Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

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

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**  
Please note that Dr. Edelman is not a Primary Care Physician
Endocrinology (cont.)

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Karen McCowen, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Karen McCowen, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She has a special interest in the management of diabetes in pregnancy, technologies for managing type 1 diabetes, thyroid biopsy and thyroid cancer, and pituitary and adrenal diseases.

Deborah Kado, MD
Bone Health Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Deborah Kado, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for people with osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. She directs the osteoporosis program at UC San Diego Health and sees patients in the Endocrinology outpatient clinic in La Jolla.

Mizuho Mimoto, MD, PhD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Mizuho Mimoto, MD, PhD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, thyroid disease, osteoporosis and disorders related to the pituitary, adrenal and parathyroid glands.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Jeremy Pettus, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Jeremy Pettus, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in treating diabetes. He works with individuals who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes to develop personalized treatment plans which may include healthy eating, exercise, diabetes medication or insulin therapy and blood sugar monitoring.

Gina N. Woods, MD
Endocrinologist and Bone Health Specialist
Associate Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Gina Woods, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with osteoporosis and other metabolic bone diseases. She works with individuals to preserve bone health, prevent fractures, and manage osteoporosis care with treatments that may include diet modification, exercise and medication.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Facial Nerve Disorders

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Facial Plastic Surgery

Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty: ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)
Subspecialties: Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631

Bio:
Sapideh Gilani, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who specializes in treating disorders of the nose and sinuses, as well as facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. She cares for patients with a wide range of conditions that affect the face, head and neck, including facial trauma or fractures, nasal obstruction, nasal trauma or fractures, and sinusitis. Dr. Gilani performs endoscopic sinus surgery, nasal surgery, rhinoplasty and revision rhinoplasty.

Deborah Watson, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties: ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties: Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Deborah Watson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon focusing on rhinoplasty (plastic surgery of the nose), nasal reconstruction, external ear reconstruction, and cosmetic facial plastic surgery.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)
Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Elina Kari, MD
Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)
Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery
Additional Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

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

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Bio:
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ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - General Otolaryngology (ENT) (cont.)

Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Sleep Medicine

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and sleep medicine specialist who specializes in disorders affecting the ears, nose and throat. His expertise is in advanced procedures to diagnose and treat airway obstruction and obstructive sleep apnea, using both surgical and non-surgical approaches.

Deborah Watson, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Hearing & Balance Disorders

Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere’s disease, cholesteatoma, superior canal dehiscence and chronic ear infections.

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
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Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

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**Subspecialties:**
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

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

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Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

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ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

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

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ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

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Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

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Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

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

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Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

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Adam DeConde, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery  
Subspecialty:  
Sinus & Rhinology  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590  

Bio:  
Adam DeConde, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in treating endoscopic sinus surgery and skull base tumors.

Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS  
Head and Neck Surgeon  

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Sleep Medicine  
Subspecialties:  
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology  
Additional Languages:  
German, Spanish  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590  

Bio:  
Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and sleep medicine specialist who specializes in disorders affecting the ears, nose and throat. His expertise is in advanced procedures to diagnose and treat airway obstruction and obstructive sleep apnea, using both surgical and non-surgical approaches.
Family Medicine

Family Medicine provides health care for all ages, genders and diseases — it is focused on knowledge of the patient in the context of family and community — stressing disease prevention and health promotion. Learn more about family medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Yewah Jung, DO, MPH
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7965

Bio:
Yewah Jung, DO, MPH, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to providing full-spectrum primary care to adults and children. Her practice emphasizes preventive care, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She has a particular interest in dermatological and family planning procedures. As an osteopath, she believes in the mission to care for the whole person and finds great happiness to be part of her patients' lives.
Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, diseases and pathology of the stomach and the intestines — including digestive diseases. Learn more about gastroenterology at UC San Diego Health System.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Tamil

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

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. He has expertise in performing lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Brigid S. Boland, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

Bio:
Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.

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.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Nedret Copur-Dahi, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Subspecialty: General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language: Turkish

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

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Michael Docherty, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Subspecialty: General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Dr. Docherty specializes in the management of patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He trained in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

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 who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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

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

Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreaticography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Samir Gupta, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

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

Bio:
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.
Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

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Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.

Mary Lee Krinsky, DO
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego’s GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.

Derek Raman Patel, MD
Professor of Medicine
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
"I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."
Joshua Rubin, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
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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.

Rena Yadlapati, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Rena Yadlapati, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in eosophageal diseases. Dr. Yadlapati is medical director of the Esophageal Diseases and Motility program at UC San Diego Health and treats gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and related conditions such as voice complaints (laryngopharyngeal reflux), swallowing disorders such as achalasia and esophageal motility disorders, and eosinophilic esophagitis.

William Jeffery Sandborn, MD
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

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Contact:
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Bio:
William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at UC San Diego Health.

Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Persian

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347
Fax: (858) 657-6881

Bio:
Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD, is a board-certified general gastroenterologist with a particular interest in obesity and metabolism.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

Gobind S. Anand, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Gobind Anand, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in complex endoscopic procedures for disorders of the digestive tract. These include esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett's esophagus, and endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

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:
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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.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

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

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreaticography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Samir Gupta, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

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

Bio:
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.
Mary Lee Krinsky, DO  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

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

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

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.

Thomas John Savides, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Chief Experience Officer  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

**Bio:**  
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's EUS program, which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility

David C. Kunkel, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
GI Motility

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
David C. Kunkel, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal motility disorders, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), swallowing disorders, gastroparesis, bloating and overgrowth syndromes, diarrhea, fecal incontinence and constipation.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego’s GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility (cont.)

Rena Yadlapati, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

**Add'l Language:**
Gujarati

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Rena Yadlapati, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in esophageal diseases. Dr. Yadlapati is medical director of the Esophageal Diseases and Motility program at UC San Diego Health and treats gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and related conditions such as voice complaints (laryngopharyngeal reflux), swallowing disorders such as achalasia and esophageal motility disorders, and eosinophilic esophagitis.
Gastroenterology - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Brigid S. Boland, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:** Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (619) 543-2347  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

**Bio:** Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.

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 who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Derek Raman Patel, MD
Professor of Medicine  
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

**Specialty:** Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:** Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology  
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Moores Cancer Center  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

**Bio:** "I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."

William Jeffery Sandborn, MD
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center  
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:** General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

**Bio:** William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the [Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.
Gastroenterology - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (cont.)

Siddharth Singh, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

Bio:
Siddharth Singh, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats diseases of the digestive system. This includes conditions or symptoms that affect the esophagus, stomach, bowels, liver and gallbladder. Dr. Singh's expertise is in caring for patients with inflammatory bowel diseases, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and microscopic colitis.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

Gobind S. Anand, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

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

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

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Gobind Anand, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in complex endoscopic procedures for disorders of the digestive tract. These include esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett's esophagus, and endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

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

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

**Contact:**
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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.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Moore's Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Professor of Medicine

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

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

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

Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.
Mary Lee Krinsky, DO
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

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

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

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Wilson Kwong, MD
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

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

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

**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.

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Thomas John Savides, MD
Gastroenterologist
Chief Experience Officer
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

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

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

**Bio:**
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's [EUS program](#), which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
Hepatology (Liver)

Hepatology is a medical specialty that incorporates the study of the liver, gallbladder, biliary tract, and pancreas as well as management of their disorders. Learn more about hepatology at UC San Diego Health System.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Tamil

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
French

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347
Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. He has expertise in performing lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
HIV/AIDS

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.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.
Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases in the human body, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the disease can be spread from one person to another. Learn more about treatment for infectious diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

- Specialties: Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS
- Add'l Language: Spanish

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

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Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

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Saima Aslam, MBBS
Infectious Disease Specialist
Director, Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- Specialty: Infectious Diseases
- Add'l Language: Urdu

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Saima Aslam, MBBS, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in caring for solid-organ transplant candidates and recipients as well as other immunocompromised individuals. Dr. Aslam directs UC San Diego Health's Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service, which provides expert care in the prevention and management of infectious diseases in organ transplant donors and recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Michele L. Ritter, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9062

Bio:
Michele L. Ritter, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for patients with severe or deep-seated infections. She is director of UC San Diego Health's outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy (OPAT) program, which allows patients to avoid hospitalization for serious infections by receiving intravenous (IV) antimicrobial therapies in an outpatient setting, including at-home care.

Maria C. Savoia, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Dean, Medical Education

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Maria C. Savoia, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. She cares for patients with infections caused by germs such as bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites. She also provides counsel and preventive medicine services for healthy people who plan to travel. Dr. Savoia believes that the relationship between the physician and patient should be a partnership, and works closely with each patient to restore their health.

Randy Taplitz, MD
Clinical Director, Infectious Diseases
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Randy Taplitz, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in infections in compromised individuals, especially those patients with malignant disorders and stem cell transplant recipients. She is the clinical director of Infectious Diseases at UC San Diego Health.
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 System.

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.
Nephrology (Kidney)

Nephrology is the specialty of medicine and pediatrics focusing on the study of kidney function, and the treatment of kidney problems. Learn more about nephrology (kidney) at UC San Diego Health System.

Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in caring for pediatric patients with a range of kidney conditions, including chronic kidney disease, hypertension, renal transplant, genetic renal disorders, glomerulonephritis, and renal cystic disease. He helps lead a clinic twice a month that coordinates the transition of pediatric patients to adult nephrology care as they come of age.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis

Robyn Cunard, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Robyn Cunard, MD is a board-certified nephrologist, with a special interest in glomerular diseases. She specializes in general nephrology and hypertension care, hemodialysis and apheresis.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties: Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease
Add'l Languages: Italian, Tagalog

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as "kidney attack") and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).

Robyn Cunard, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties: Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Robyn Cunard, MD is a board-certified nephrologist, with a special interest in glomerular diseases. She specializes in general nephrology and hypertension care, hemodialysis and apheresis.

Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialty: Chronic Kidney Disease
Add'l Languages: Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist who provides care for a wide range of kidney diseases, including chronic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, hypertension, and acute kidney injury. He has a special interest in polycystic kidney disease, kidney stones, and metabolic bone disease.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Charles Ginsberg, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Charles Ginsberg, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the management of hypertension, chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury and electrolyte disturbances.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease
Add'l Languages:
Italian, Tagalog

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

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Bio:
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as “kidney attack”) and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis

**Charles Ginsberg, MD**
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Charles Ginsberg, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the management of hypertension, chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury and electrolyte disturbances.

**Etienne Macedo, MD, PhD, FASN**
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**
Dialysis

**Add'l Language:**
Brazilian Portuguese

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

**Bio:**
Etienne Macedo, MD, PhD, is a nephrologist who diagnoses and treats patients with kidney disease, including renal failure, kidney stones and high blood pressure.

**Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD**
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

**Bio:**
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.
Neurosurgery - Complex Cranial Surgery

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.
Neurosurgery - Neurological Oncology

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

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Osteopathic Medicine

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.
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 System.

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

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Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease. Learn more about pathology at UC San Diego Health System.

Dzung T. Le, MD, PhD
Director of the Coagulation Laboratory, Associate Director of the Clinical Hematology Laboratory, Associate Director of Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine
Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Dzung T. Le, MD, PhD, is a professor of Clinical Pathology at UC San Diego Health. His research interests include coagulation disorders and hematology.

Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Robert Coles, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Robert Coles is a board-certified pediatrician with a special interest in newborn care and pediatric dermatology. He believes that prevention is the key to keeping children healthy, and feels this is best achieved by establishing and maintaining a trusting relationship with parents. He strives to practice evidence-based medicine and care for patients with the latest treatment guidelines and recommendations.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. Dr. Shleifer provides newborn, infant and childhood well-checks, sports physicals, sick visits, and manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma and eczema.
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.

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 System.

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:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
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 System.

Robert Coles, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Robert Coles is a board-certified pediatrician with a special interest in newborn care and pediatric dermatology. He believes that prevention is the key to keeping children healthy, and feels this is best achieved by establishing and maintaining a trusting relationship with parents. He strives to practice evidence-based medicine and care for patients with the latest treatment guidelines and recommendations.

Veronica V. Gonzalez, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
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Primary Care (cont.)

Roopali Gupta, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Roopali Gupta, MD, is a board-certified geriatric medicine doctor. She provides primary care for older adults, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

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Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7965

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Yewah Jung, DO, MPH
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7965

Bio:
Yewah Jung, DO, MPH, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to providing full-spectrum primary care to adults and children. Her practice emphasizes preventive care, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She has a particular interest in dermatological and family planning procedures. As an osteopath, she believes in the mission to care for the whole person and finds great happiness to be part of her patients’ lives.
Primary Care (cont.)

Alison Moore, MD, MPH, FACP
Primary Care Physician
Chief, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
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Khai H. Nguyen, MD, MHS
Primary Care Physician
Clinical Services Chief, Senior Medicine

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

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Khai Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. He provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses and preservation of function. As a geriatrician, Dr. Nguyen aims to keep seniors healthy and high functioning as they transition through the stages of aging. His expertise includes providing therapeutic and rehabilitative care for conditions or health concerns that are common among the elderly such as frailty, falls, incontinence, memory and cognitive problems, and medication-related side effects. He also has expertise in end of life care and advance care planning.
Primary Care (cont.)

Jairo Alberto Romero, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

**Bio:**
Jairo Alberto Romero, MD, is a board-certified geriatric medicine doctor. He provides primary care for older adults, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

**Specialties:**
Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Subspecialty:**
General Pediatrics

**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**
**Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

**Bio:**
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. Dr. Shleifer provides newborn, infant and childhood well-checks, sports physicals, sick visits, and manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma and eczema.

Lindsey Yourman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

**Bio:**
Lindsey Yourman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. She provides person-centered primary care focused on maintaining independence and quality of life.
Psychiatry

Psychiatry is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Learn more about psychiatry at UC San Diego Health System.

Sidney Zisook, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Sidney Zisook, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating adults who are experiencing grief, anxiety, or the effects of a mood disorder. His experience is in caring for people with complicated bereavement, as well as those with chronic mental health conditions or illnesses that do not respond well to treatment. Dr. Zisook also uses integrative therapy to treat each person as a whole, including their mental, physical and emotional needs.
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 System.

Douglas J. Conrad, MD
Professor
Director, Adult Cystic Fibrosis Clinic
Director, Pulmonary Function Laboratory, VA Medical Center

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7073

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Timothy J. Floreth, MD
Pulmonologist

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Lung Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (855) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Pulmonology): (858) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-5050
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Timothy Floreth, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who is nationally recognized for his expertise in treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), interstitial lung disease and cystic fibrosis.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

David Poch, MD
Director, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

**Bio:**
David Poch, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist with a special focus in caring for patients with pulmonary vascular disease. He directs the pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) treatment program, and has expertise in providing diagnosis and treatment for chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) and pulmonary embolism. UC San Diego Health is an internationally recognized center for treating all forms of pulmonary hypertension.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Vascular Disease

David Poch, MD
Director, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**
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Radiology - Interventional Radiology

Hamed Aryafar, MD
Interventional Radiologist
Associate Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Subspecialty:
Interventional Radiology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0320

Bio:
Hamed Aryafar, MD, is a board-certified interventional radiologist. He specializes in treating pediatric and adult vascular malformations, including arteriovenous malformations, venous malformations, venolymphatic malformations, Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome and other vascular lesions.
Rheumatology

Rheumatology is a medical specialization concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic disease; diseases which are usually caused by inflammation, swelling and pain in the joints and muscles. Learn more about [rheumatology](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

Harry Bluestein, MD
Rheumatologist

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**
Dr. Bluestein's research interests included the identification and characterization of cell membrane molecules that serve as targets of SLE antibodies and on the role of those antibodies in the pathogenesis of SLE, particularly the neuropsychiatric manifestations. He is now retired as a researcher.

Arnold Ceponis, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Arnold Ceponis, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist with clinical and research interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound. In addition to long-established methods of diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and systemic diseases, Dr. Ceponis uses in-office ultrasonography for diagnosis and ultrasound-guided injections of joints and other musculoskeletal structures.

Kenneth Kalunian, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**
Dr. Kenneth Kalunian is the Associate Director of the Center for Innovative Therapy and also a Professor in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology in the School of Medicine at UC San Diego.

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

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**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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**Bio:**
Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist
Rheumatology (cont.)

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.

Katherine Nguyen, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Katherine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats general rheumatology conditions, with a special focus on treating the autoimmune diseases Sjögren's syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Bio:
Abha Singh, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis, myositis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), vasculitis, gout, polymyalgia rheumatica, and osteoarthritis.
Senior Medicine

Senior medicine, also known as geriatric medicine, is a medical specialization focusing on the health care of older adults. Learn more about senior medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Veronica V. Gonzalez, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine
Add'l Language: Spanish

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Roopali Gupta, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
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Senior Medicine (cont.)

Alison Moore, MD, MPH, FACP
Primary Care Physician
Chief, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

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Bio:
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Khai H. Nguyen, MD, MHS
Primary Care Physician
Clinical Services Chief, Senior Medicine

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

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Bio:
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Ian C. Neel, MD
Medical Director, Geriatric Medicine Consult Service at Senior Behavioral Health
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Senior Medicine

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Ian Neel, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for older adults. He serves as medical director of the Geriatric Medicine Consult Service at Senior Behavioral Health at UC San Diego Health.
Senior Medicine (cont.)

Jairo Alberto Romero, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Jairo Alberto Romero, MD, is a board-certified geriatric medicine doctor. He provides primary care for older adults, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

James R. Templeman, MD, MPH
Geriatrician

Specialty:
Senior Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
James Templeman, MD, MPH, is a board-certified geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. He provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on healthy aging, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, and preservation of function.

Lindsey Yourman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Lindsey Yourman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. She provides person-centered primary care focused on maintaining independence and quality of life.
Sleep Medicine

Sleep medicine is the subspecialty of internal medicine that studies and manages poor sleep hygiene. Learn more about sleep medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon

Specialties: ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Sleep Medicine
Subspecialties: General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology
Add'l Languages: German, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and sleep medicine specialist who specializes in disorders affecting the ears, nose and throat. His expertise is in advanced procedures to diagnose and treat airway obstruction and obstructive sleep apnea, using both surgical and non-surgical approaches.
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 System.

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.
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.

Adam DeConde, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialty:
Sinus & Rhinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Adam DeConde, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in treating endoscopic sinus surgery and skull base tumors.

Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere’s disease, cholesteatoma, superior canal dehiscence and chronic ear infections.
Surgery (cont.)

**Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD**
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

**Specialties:**
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

**Add'l Language:**
French

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

**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.

**Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD**
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

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

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**
Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.

**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:**
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
Deborah Watson, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**
Deborah Watson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon focusing on rhinoplasty (plastic surgery of the nose), nasal reconstruction, external ear reconstruction, and cosmetic facial plastic surgery.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Tamil

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Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

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Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. He has expertise in performing lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation

Timothy J. Floreth, MD
Pulmonologist

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Lung Transplantation

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Timothy Floreth, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who is nationally recognized for his expertise in treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), interstitial lung disease and cystic fibrosis.
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