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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92121

9850 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest
Hillcrest Emergency
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

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

Encinitas
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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Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Cancer

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

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS

Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurative. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
Cardiology - Electrophysiology

Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD
Director, Pacemaker and ICD Services
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Electrophysiology
Add'l Languages:
French, German, Swedish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating heart rhythm disorders. She directs the Pacemaker and ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) Service at UC San Diego Health and leads one of the largest lead extraction programs in the Western United States.

Frederick (Fred) Han, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Electrophysiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

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

Bio:
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with all types of fast (tachycardia), slow (bradycardia), and irregular heart rhythm disorders, including both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.

Gordon Ho, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Electrophysiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Gordon Ho, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with fast, slow and irregular heart rhythms. Specifically, he has expertise in performing minimally-invasive procedures to treat atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialties:**
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure

**Additional Language:**
Farsi

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

**Bio:**
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.
Cardiology - General Cardiology

Anas Alani, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology
Add'l Language: Arabic

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Anas Alani, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who works with patients to diagnose and prevent heart disease, as well as manage conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure), coronary artery disease and heart failure, hypercholesterolemia, and other cardiovascular problems.

Luis R. Castellanos, MD, MPH
Cardiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology
Add'l Language: Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Luis Castellanos, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiologist. As a general cardiologist, he enjoys helping patients improve their cardiovascular health by applying evidence-based strategies, state-of-the-art technology and pharmacotherapy to target coronary disease, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and other cardiac diseases.

Bruno Cotter, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology
Add'l Languages: French, German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Cardiology - General Cardiology (cont.)

Jia Shen, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Encinitas - North El Camino Real
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

Bio:
Jia Shen, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in the treatment and prevention of heart disease.
Cardiology - Heart Failure

Eric David Adler, MD
Cardiologist
Director of Cardiac Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Dr. Eric David Adler is a board-certified cardiologist and medical director of advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support and cardiac transplantation.

Denise Dayle Barnard, MD
Director, Women's Cardiovascular Health Program
Assistant Director, Advanced Heart Failure Program, Cardiac Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Denise Barnard, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who is actively involved in UC San Diego Health's Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Programs. She is a nationally recognized heart failure expert and also practices at the VA San Diego Healthcare.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialties:
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.

Jorge E. Silva Enciso, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Jorge Silva Enciso, MD, is a board-certified advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist. He cares for patients with progressive heart failure symptoms in need of advanced therapies or surgical treatments including ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplantation.
Hao (Howie) Tran, MD  
Cardiologist 
Assistant Professor of Medicine 

**Specialty:**
Cardiology 

**Subspecialty:**
Heart Failure 

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center 
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South 
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd 

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

**Bio:**
Howie Tran, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with end-stage or advanced heart failure. He cares for patients who require heart transplants and mechanical circulatory support devices, including ventricular assist devices (VADs) and percutaneous ventricular assist devices (PVADs). Dr. Tran is also experienced in right heart-catheterization with heart tissue biopsies.

Marcus A. Urey, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine 

**Specialties:**
Cardiology, Transplantation 

**Subspecialties:**
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation 

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish 

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center 
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South 

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

**Bio:**
Marcus A. Urey, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist specializing in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory devices and heart transplantation. In addition to his expertise in caring for those with end stage heart failure, he has a special interest in the evaluation and treatment of adults with heart failure caused by congenital heart disease (heart defects that are present at birth) and those with amyloidosis, a rare condition that can involve the heart. He works closely with colleagues from different subspecialties to offer these patients the most up-to-date treatment with the intent of improving both their longevity and quality of life.
Nicholas Wettersten, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:** Cardiology  
**Subspecialty:** Heart Failure  

*Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  

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

**Bio:**  
Nicholas Wettersten, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who treats patients with advanced heart failure.
Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology

Belal Al Khiami, MBBS
Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Interventional Cardiology

**Add'l Language:**
Arabic

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

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

**Bio:**
Belal Al Khiami, MBBS, is a board-certified interventional cardiologist. Interventional cardiology involves opening blocked blood vessels with minimally invasive catheter procedures. Dr. Al Khiami treats people with acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, peripheral vascular disease, and other heart conditions.

Mitul Patel, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Interventional Cardiology

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

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

**Bio:**
Mitul Patel, MD, is a board-certified interventional cardiologist. Interventional cardiology involves opening blocked blood vessels with minimally invasive catheter procedures. Dr. Patel treats people with acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, peripheral vascular disease, and other heart conditions. He has extensive experience with the insertion of ventricular assist devices to support both complex coronary interventions and to treat cardiogenic shock.
Colon and Rectal Surgery

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

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurative. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
Dermatology

Dermatology is the branch of medicine which studies and treats a variety of skin disorders and diseases. Learn more about dermatology at UC San Diego Health System.

Taraneh Paravar, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Taraneh Paravar, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for all patients in the general dermatology clinic and also focuses on complex medical dermatology. This includes treating patients with autoimmune blistering disorders, graft-versus-host disease of the skin, dermatologic complications of cancer therapy, and rheumatologic diseases of the skin such as cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis, scleroderma, morphea, and cutaneous vasculitis.

Daniel R. Synkowski, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Daniel Synkowski, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees adult patients with general dermatology needs and performs minor surgery.

Wynnis Tom, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Wynnis Tom, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in chronic inflammatory skin conditions and caring for patients whose disease requires systemic medicines.
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.

Schafer Boeder, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Schafer Boeder, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who diagnoses and treats people with a variety of endocrine conditions. He has a particular interest in diabetes and is a member of the inpatient glycemic control team, where he works with patients to monitor glucose levels, adjust insulin dosages, and maintain long-term glucose control at home.

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.

Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She specializes in treating patients with many types of endocrine disorders, including diabetes and thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and pituitary diseases.
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

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

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:
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.)

Yuko Kono, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

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.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

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.

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.
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](https://health.ucsd.edu) 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

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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.)

**Yuko Kono, MD, PhD**
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist  
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:  
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:  
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:  
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:  
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

**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.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

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.

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

Additional 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.

Jennifer (Gigi) Blanchard, MD
Associate Clinical Professor, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services and specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
## HIV/AIDS (cont.)

### Edward R. Cachay, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**  
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

### Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS  
**Subspecialty:**  
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery  
**Add'l Language:**  
French

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**  
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurative. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.

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

**Specialties:**  
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

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

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

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

### Ankita Kadakia, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist

**Specialty:**  
HIV/AIDS

**Add'l Languages:**  
Gujarati, Hindi

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**  
Ankita Kadakia, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine and infectious disease physician. She provides primary care, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases for adults with HIV and AIDS. Dr. Kadakia cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Maile Young Karris, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
HIV/AIDS Specialist

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

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

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

**Bio:**
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

Daniel Lee, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

**Specialty:**
HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Daniel Lee is one of several physicians working at the Owen Clinic, providing specialized health care to those infected with HIV. Along with his board certification in Internal Medicine, the American Academy of HIV Medicine also credentials Dr. Lee as a HIV specialist. He established the Lipid/Lipodystrophy Clinic to address the issues of long term metabolic complications often associated with therapies for HIV. In addition, he also performs research in these areas.

Theodoros F. Katsivas, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

**Specialty:**
HIV/AIDS

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Theo Katsivas is trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He also trained as a Fellow in HIV disease at the UC San Diego Owen Clinic. His interests focus on HIV patient care and addiction medicine.

Scott Letendre, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Scott Letendre, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs. He also provides consultation and care for patients staying in the hospital for infectious diseases.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Joseph Lonergan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Joseph Lonergan, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who provides primary care and specialized HIV care to people living with HIV/AIDS. He also sees patients at risk for HIV infection who are interested in pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Dr. Lonergan 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, and has been caring for patients at the Owen Clinic for more than 20 years.

William Christopher Mathews, MD
Director of Research Infrastructure, Owen Clinic
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Since the onset of the AIDS epidemic, Dr. Mathews has served on many local, state, and national committees which address legal, political, and medical issues in HIV infection. His appointments include founding president of the San Diego Association of Human Rights, the local organization of gay and lesbian physicians, as well as memberships on the San Diego Regional Task Force on AIDS, The Ryan White Act Planning Council, the San Diego County Medical Society AIDS committee, the State of California Attorney General's AIDS Fraud Task Force, the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation AIDS Health Services Program, and the American Association of Medical College's Committee on AIDS and the Academic Medical Center.

Gabriel A. Wagner, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Gabriel Wagner, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for adults with HIV and AIDS. He treats individuals at all stages of HIV disease and helps monitor and manage their health.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Darcy A. Wooten, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

David L. Wyles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
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

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.

Ajay Bharti, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
- Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ajay Bharti, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones. Dr. Bharti also has expertise in tropical infectious diseases.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services and specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health’s Owen Clinic, one of America’s top HIV care programs.

Edward R. Cachay, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health’s Owen Clinic, one of the nation’s outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Jennifer R. Dan, MD, PhD
Infectious Disease Specialist

**Specialty:**
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**
Jennifer Dan, MD, PhD, is a board-certified internist and infectious disease specialist who cares for hospitalized patients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Maile Young Karris, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
HIV/AIDS Specialist

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

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

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

**Bio:**
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

Scott Letendre, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Scott Letendre, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs. He also provides consultation and care for patients staying in the hospital for infectious diseases.

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.

Robert Turner Schooley, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases

**Specialty:**
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
Robert T. Schooley, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
Darcy A. Wooten, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Infectious Disease Specialist  

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS  

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
Jacobs Medical Center**  

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

**Bio:**  
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

David L. Wyles, MD  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS  

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  

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

**Bio:**  
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
Infectious Diseases - Tropical Diseases

Sharon Lee Reed, MD
Professor of Pathology and Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases
Subspecialty:
Tropical Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Sharon L. Reed, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and physician with UC San Diego Health. Since 1994, she has also been director of the clinical microbiology laboratory at UC San Diego Health.
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.

Michael G. Ziegler, MD
Director, Hypertension Clinic; Program Director, UCSD General Clinical Research Center
Professor

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
"I carry out research on disorders of blood pressure control. My current studies include studies on the causes of hypertension including genetics, sleep apnea and stress. I also study the causes of postural hypotension including space flight, bed rest and autonomic insufficiency.”
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.

Joachim H. Ix, MD
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
German

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.

Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

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

Bio:
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

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 and medical director of the [therapeutic apheresis program](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

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.

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**Add'l Language:**
Polish

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP
Nephrologist
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic 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.

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.

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.

Joachim H. Ix, MD
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
German

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

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

Bio:
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.
Cynthia Miracle, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

Bio:
Cynthia M. Miracle, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for chronic hemodialysis and renal transplant patients. She also provides nephrology consultation for patients who are hospitalized.

Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

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

Bio:
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

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

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

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

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD  
Nephrologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**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 and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

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

**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.
Danuta Trzebinska, MD  
Nephrologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)  
Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis  
Add'l Language:  
Polish  

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

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397  

Bio:  
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.

Tyler Woodell, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

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

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

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

Bio:  
Tyler Woodell, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with kidney disease, ranging from acute kidney injury to chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease. He has a special interest in treating patients with glomerular disease, which includes conditions such as lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy and various causes of nephrotic syndrome. He also treats patients with hypertension, electrolyte and acid-base disorders.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

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

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

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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.

Cynthia Miracle, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

Bio:
Cynthia M. Miracle, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for chronic hemodialysis and renal transplant patients. She also provides nephrology consultation for patients who are hospitalized.

Joachim H. Ix, MD
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
German

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

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

Bio:
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.

Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

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

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

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

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 and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Additional Language:
Polish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

Bio:
Tyler Woodell, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with kidney disease, ranging from acute kidney injury to chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease. He has a special interest in treating patients with glomerular disease, which includes conditions such as lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy and various causes of nephrotic syndrome. He also treats patients with hypertension, electrolyte and acid-base disorders.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Transplant Nephrology

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Urdu

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.
Neurology

Neurology is the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study and treatment of disorders of the nervous system. Learn more about neurology at UC San Diego Health System.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

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

Hoi Sang U, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) are the two surgical-medical specialties concerned with the reproductive organs in women. Learn more about OB/GYN at UC San Diego Health System.

Sierra Washington, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-5900
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Sierra Washington, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist who provides labor and delivery care at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Washington sees patients at the Hillcrest campus for prenatal care and family planning services. She aims to provide a holistic approach to patient care and a natural birthing experience for parents and their newborns within Hillcrest and Jacobs Medical Center's state-of-the-art obstetrical environment.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology

Jorge L. Alvarado, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Jorge L. Alvarado, MD, is an obstetrician/gynecologist who provides prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care as well as comprehensive gynecological care, including diagnosis and treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding, fibroids, sexually transmitted infections, and gynecologic cancer prevention. Dr. Alvarado specializes in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, with an interest in dysplasia of the cervix, vagina, and vulva.

Sarah H. Averbach, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Sarah H. Averbach, MD, is an board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides comprehensive gynecological care and specializes in family planning. Her expertise includes surgical management of gynecologic conditions and reproductive infectious disease.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Julia Cormano, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Julia Cormano, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care, as well as comprehensive gynecological care. She is part of the maternity team at UC San Diego Health’s Hillcrest location, where low-risk mothers and babies can plan for deliveries at UC San Diego Medical Center. Dr. Cormano believes in building strong relationships with her patients and truly listening to their needs. She often works with patients who are interested in attempting a vaginal birth after Cesarean (VBAC) and is skilled in performing external cephalic version (moving a breech baby into the head-down position). Additionally, she works with a midwife team to provide minimal intervention, evidence-based obstetrics care.

Gina R. Frugoni, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Gina Frugoni, MD, is an obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care. She also provides comprehensive gynecological care, including well woman visits, family planning, and treatment for issues such as abnormal Pap smears, fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, gynecological infections or sexually transmitted diseases. She is also interested in minimally invasive surgery and procedures.
Mai Hoang, MD, FACOG
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspeciality:
General Gynecology

Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Mai Hoang, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist who provides comprehensive obstetric and gynecological care. She has special interests in low and high-risk pregnancies, including vaginal birth after Cesarean section (VBAC), irregular bleeding and minimally invasive surgery.

Sheila Mody, MD
Family Planning Specialist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspeciality:
General Gynecology

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Sheila Mody, MD, MPH is a family planning specialist with a focus in contraceptive counseling for women with complex medical conditions. Her interests include educating patients on the use of long-acting reversible contraception and early pregnancy management.
Alice Harman Sutton, MD, FACOG  
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

**Specialty:**  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Gynecology  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878  

**Bio:**  
Alice H. Sutton, MD, is an obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care, as well as comprehensive gynecological care, including well-woman visits, family planning (contraception counseling and all types of long-term reversible contraception), and treatment for issues such as abnormal bleeding, gynecological infections or sexually transmitted diseases.

Akilah Weber, MD  
Obstetrician and Gynecologist  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Gynecology  

**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745  

**Bio:**  
Akilah Weber, MD, is a board-certified OB/GYN who specializes in managing the gynecologic needs of children and teenagers. She has a special interest in treating children born with reproductive defects, people with adrenogenital disorders (which cause an abnormal secretion of hormones) and amenorrhea (the absence of menstruation in women of reproductive age).
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Sigrid G. (Siri) Williams, MD, MPH
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
General Gynecology

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

**Bio:**
Sigrid Williams, MD, MPH, is an obstetrician/gynecologist who provides expert prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care, as well as comprehensive gynecological care. She is part of the maternity care team at UC San Diego Health's Hillcrest location, where low-risk mothers and babies can plan for deliveries at UC San Diego Medical Center.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Jerasimos (Jerry) Ballas, MD, MPH, FACOG
Perinatologist
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
Add'l Language:
Greek

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Jerry Ballas, MD, MPH, is a board-certified perinatologist who cares for women with high-risk pregnancies. As a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, he treats expectant mothers who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health complications.

Andrew D. Hull, BMBS, FRCOG, FACOG
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Andrew D. Hull, BMBS, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Hull’s expertise includes caring for pregnant women with chronic medical problems, including HIV; pregnancies complicated by fetal disorders such as isoimmunization and complex birth defects; and placental disorders such as placenta accreta.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Thomas F. Kelly, MD
Perinatologist
Chief, Division of Perinatal Medicine
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Thomas F. Kelly, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. His expertise includes medical complications of pregnancy and fetal diagnosis.

Leah Lamale-Smith, MD
Perinatologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Leah Lamale-Smith, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who specializes in high-risk pregnancies. As a provider of maternal-fetal medicine, she cares for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Lamale-Smith’s expertise is in performing invasive fetal procedures for prenatal screening and diagnosis, including chorionic villus sampling (CVS), amniocentesis, and fetal blood sampling and intrauterine transfusion. She is also experienced in caring for women with higher-order multiples, women with complex medical conditions such as autoimmune disorders and cardiac disease, and critically ill women who require intensive care during their pregnancy or postpartum period.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Louise C. Laurent, MD, PhD
Perinatologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Louise C. Laurent, MD, PhD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Laurent's expertise is in treating women who are at risk for preeclampsia or fetal growth restriction.

Thomas Moore, MD
Interim Chief Medical Officer
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Thomas Moore, MD, is a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist. He provides prenatal care for women with high-risk pregnancies, and is recognized nationally as an expert on pregnancy and diabetes. Dr. Moore has been ranked several times as one of the top obstetricians and gynecologists in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, as well as been named repeatedly as a "Top Doc" in San Diego Magazine's "Physicians of Exceptional Excellence" annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society. Most recently he received the Louis M. Hellman MD Midwifery Partnership Award from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
Gladys "Sandy" Ramos, MD
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Gladys "Sandy" Ramos, MD is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women with complex health or fetal issues. Dr. Ramos’ expertise is in treating women with diabetes to help ensure safe deliveries of healthy infants while maintaining optimal health for mothers. She is also experienced in managing placenta accreta and other high-risk issues.

Robert Resnik, MD
Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Perinatologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878
Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Robert Resnik, MD is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Resnik’s expertise includes treating fetal growth restriction and placenta accreta.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) (cont.)

Maryam Tarsa, MD
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Perinatologist

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 657-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

Bio:
Maryam Tarsa, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Tarsa's expertise includes fetal imaging and treating pregnant women with autoimmune disorders, infectious diseases and transplants. She also cares for women having twins or higher-order multiples.

Douglas Andrew Woelkers, MD
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspecialty:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Douglas Andrew Woelkers, MD, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Woelkers' expertise includes preeclampsia, thrombophilia and placental insufficiency.
Richard B. Wolf, DO
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspeciality:
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Perinatology)

Jacobs Medical Center
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Court

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

Bio:
Richard B. Wolf, DO, is a board-certified perinatologist who specializes in caring for women with high-risk pregnancies. Perinatologists, also known as maternal-fetal medicine specialists, care for pregnant women who have an increased chance that they or their babies will have health concerns. Dr. Wolf's expertise includes fetal imaging, amniotic fluid abnormalities, blood clotting disorders during pregnancy and blood group (Rh) incompatibility.
Palliative Care

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

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

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

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

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about [pediatrics](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

Bruce A. Barshop, MD, PhD
Professor
Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7800

Bio:
My clinical activities focus on inherited disorders of metabolism, and newborn screening. I direct a diagnostic Clinical Biochemical Genetics laboratory. My research activities include clinical trials, metabolomics and stable isotope kinetics.
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.

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services and specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
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.

David J. Grelotti, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Haitian Creole

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
David Grelotti, MD is an adult and child psychiatrist and directs mental health services at UC San Diego Health’s Owen Clinic, one of nation’s premier multispecialty care clinics focused on the treatment and prevention of HIV and related illnesses. Dr. Grelotti provides care for mental health, substance use, and related disorders to children, adolescents, and adults with HIV and at risk for HIV.

Ildiko Kovacs, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Hungarian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Ildiko Kovacs, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals and couples experiencing issues related to sexual function, sexuality and gender.
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

Jose S. Loredo, MD, MPH
Sleep Medicine Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Jose Loredo, MD, MPH, is a sleep medicine doctor who evaluates and treats individuals with sleep related disorders such as narcolepsy, insomnia, and sleep apnea. He cares for patients at UC San Diego Health's Sleep Medicine Center, where he provides a full spectrum of therapeutic and diagnostic services.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Asthma

Wael ElMaraachli, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

**Bio:**
Wael ElMaraachli, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist focusing on diagnosis and treatment of non-tuberculosis mycobacterial (NTM) lung infections, latent and active tuberculosis (TB) and bronchiectasis. He is also a board-certified critical care specialist and treats patients in intensive care.

Ni-Cheng Liang, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

**Bio:**
Ni-Cheng Liang, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. She provides care for a variety of acute and chronic respiratory conditions, with a special focus on those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
Pulmonology (Lung) - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Wael ElMaraachli, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Wael ElMaraachli, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist focusing on diagnosis and treatment of non-tuberculosis mycobacterial (NTM) lung infections, latent and active tuberculosis (TB) and bronchiectasis. He is also a board-certified critical care specialist and treats patients in intensive care.

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.

Ni-Cheng Liang, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma

Add'l Languages:
French, Mandarin

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Ni-Cheng Liang, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. She provides care for a variety of acute and chronic respiratory conditions, with a special focus on those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
Pulmonology (Lung) - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (cont.)

Andrew Ries, MD, MPH
Pulmonologist
Associate Vice Chancellor, UC San Diego Health Sciences
Academic Affairs
Professor of Medicine
Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2000

Bio:
Andrew Ries, MD, MPH serves as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for UC San Diego Health Sciences. He has directed UC San Diego’s pulmonary rehabilitation program for over 30 years, promoting pulmonary rehabilitation as a standard of care for patients with disabling lung disease.

Xavier Soler, MD, PhD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)
Subspecialty:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Add'l Languages:
Catalan, French, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Xavier Soler, MD, PhD, specializes in pulmonology and sleep medicine and is the medical director of the pulmonary rehabilitation program and associate director of the Clinical Trials & Airway Research Center. He specializes in the diagnosis, treatment and management of chronic lung diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Wael ElMaraachli, MD
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

**Bio:**
Wael ElMaraachli, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist focusing on diagnosis and treatment of non-tuberculosis mycobacterial (NTM) lung infections, latent and active tuberculosis (TB) and bronchiectasis. He is also a board-certified critical care specialist and treats patients in intensive care.

Timothy M. Fernandes, MD, MPH
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6303

**Bio:**
Timothy Fernandes, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pulmonologist who focuses on pulmonary vascular disease. He has a special interest in caring for patients who have venous thromboembolism, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension.

Peter F. Fedullo, MD
Director of Medical Intensive Care Unit
Professor of Medicine
UC San Diego Chief of Staff

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

**Bio:**
Peter F. Fedullo is a board-certified pulmonologist. His clinical interests include chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, acute venous thromboembolism and critical care medicine.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Peter F. Fedullo, MD
Director of Medical Intensive Care Unit
Professor of Medicine
UC San Diego Chief of Staff

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Critical Care, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Peter F. Fedullo is a board-certified pulmonologist. His clinical interests include chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, acute venous thromboembolism and critical care medicine.

Timothy M. Fernandes, MD, MPH
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Pulmonary Vascular Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Timothy Fernandes, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pulmonologist who focuses on pulmonary vascular disease. He has a special interest in caring for patients who have venous thromboembolism, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Pulmonary Vascular Disease

Peter F. Fedullo, MD
Director of Medical Intensive Care Unit
Professor of Medicine
UC San Diego Chief of Staff

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Critical Care, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Peter F. Fedullo is a board-certified pulmonologist. His clinical interests include chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, acute venous thromboembolism and critical care medicine.

Timothy M. Fernandes, MD, MPH
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Pulmonary Vascular Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Timothy Fernandes, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pulmonologist who focuses on pulmonary vascular disease. He has a special interest in caring for patients who have venous thromboembolism, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension.

Timothy Morris, MD
Pulmonologist
Medical Director, Pulmonary Function and Exercise Lab
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Pulmonology (Lung)

Subspecialty:
Pulmonary Vascular Disease

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Timothy Morris, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist. He has a special interest in caring for patients with life-threatening pulmonary embolism and thromboembolic disease.
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 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.

Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma.

Soo-In Choi, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Soo Choi, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout and lupus.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Gary S. Firestein, MD
Rheumatologist
Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Gary Firestein, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats patients with autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones. These conditions may include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout, chronic back pain, tendinitis, and lupus.

Monica Guma, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Monica Guma, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Dr. Hepburn received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.

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.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD  
Professor of 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:  
Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist

Susan J Lee, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Specialty:  
Rheumatology  
Add'l Language:  
Korean  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
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  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248  
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).

Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS  
Rheumatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Specialty:  
Rheumatology  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
Encinitas - Garden View Road  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300  
Bio:  
Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS, is a board-certified rheumatologist. He diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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.
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.

Jose S. Loredo, MD, MPH
Sleep Medicine Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Jose Loredo, MD, MPH, is a sleep medicine doctor who evaluates and treats individuals with sleep related disorders such as narcolepsy, insomnia, and sleep apnea. He cares for patients at UC San Diego Health’s Sleep Medicine Center, where he provides a full spectrum of therapeutic and diagnostic services.
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.

Hoi Sang U, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS

Subspeciality:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Additional Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurative. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation

**Eric David Adler, MD**
Cardiologist  
Director of Cardiac Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Cardiology, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

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

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

**Bio:**  
Dr. Eric David Adler is a board-certified cardiologist and medical director of heart transplant and mechanical circulatory support. He specializes in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support and cardiac transplantation.

**Denise Dayle Barnard, MD**
Director, Women's Cardiovascular Health Program  
Assistant Director, Advanced Heart Failure Program, Cardiac Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Program  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Cardiology, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

**Bio:**  
Denise Barnard, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who is actively involved in UC San Diego Health's Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Programs. She is a nationally recognized heart failure expert and also practices at the VA San Diego Healthcare.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

Jorge E. Silva Enciso, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Heart Failure
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Jorge Silva Enciso, MD, is a board-certified advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist. He cares for patients with progressive heart failure symptoms in need of advanced therapies or surgical treatments including ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplantation.

Marcus A. Urey, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Marcus A. Urey, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist specializing in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory devices and heart transplantation. In addition to his expertise in caring for those with end stage heart failure, he has a special interest in the evaluation and treatment of adults with heart failure caused by congenital heart disease (heart defects that are present at birth) and those with amyloidosis, a rare condition that can involve the heart. He works closely with colleagues from different subspecialties to offer these patients the most up-to-date treatment with the intent of improving both their longevity and quality of life.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Urdu

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP  
Nephrologist  
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:  
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation  
Subspecialties:  
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729  
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:  
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
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

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

Contact:
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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.
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

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  

Contact:  
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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.

Irine E. Vodkin, MD  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology  

Subspecialty:  
Liver Transplantation  

Add'l Languages:  
Russian, Spanish  

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.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation

Timothy J. Floreth, MD
Pulmonologist

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Lung Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
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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.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Urdu

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
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Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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