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Tukisa D. Smith, MD
Allergist, Immunologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

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La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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Bio:
Tukisa Smith, MD, is a board-certified allergy and immunology specialist who treats patients with asthma, angioedema (including hereditary angioedema), cough, food and medication sensitivity, immunodeficiency, hay fever, sinus disorders and hives.
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

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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 suppurativa. 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 a 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.
Cardiology - Electrophysiology (cont.)

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

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialties:
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
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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.

Stephanie Yoakum, MSN, ACNP-CS
Nurse Practitioner

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:
Stephanie Yoakum, MSN, is a certified acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP-CS) who manages patients with irregular heartbeat (cardiac arrhythmia) and cardiac devices in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. She evaluates patients following their procedure, including assessment of medications, symptoms and appropriate diagnostic tests.
Cardiology - General Cardiology

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

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

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**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
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**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.

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**Bruno Cotter, MD**
Associate Professor of Medicine

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

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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**Bio:**  
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**Jia Shen, MD**
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Cardiology  
**Subspecialty:** General Cardiology  
**Add'l Language:** Mandarin

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**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**  
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**Bio:**  
Jia Shen, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in the treatment and prevention of heart disease. She cares for patients at the Step Family Cardiovascular Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in La Jolla and at our Hillcrest and Encinitas cardiovascular clinics. She specializes in diet and lifestyle changes to prevent and treat cardiovascular 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  
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**Bio:**  
Eric D. Adler, MD, 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.

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**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  
Associate 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

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

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

**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.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

Hao (Howie) Tran, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Cardiology  
Subspecialties:  
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.
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:**  
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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.

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 suppurativa. 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.

Taraneh Paravar, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

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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 specializing in the care of patients with autoimmune blistering disorders and rheumatologic diseases of the skin such as cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis, scleroderma, morphea, and cutaneous vasculitis.

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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

Schafer Boeder, MD  
Endocrinologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:** Endocrinology  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 657-1363

**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) 657-1636

**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**  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**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.

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

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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:
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.

Pranab M. Barman, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Spanish

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

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

Bio:
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman’s expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
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  
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:  
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD, is a liver doctor (hepatologist) with specialized training and experience managing the liver health of patients with primary liver cancer. Her clinical practice is focused on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is also 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:  
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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. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and 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 and transplant hepatologist 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 at UC San Diego Health.

**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.

**Pranab M. Barman, MD**
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
- Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
**Subspecialty:**
- Liver Transplantation
**Add'l Languages:**
- Hindi, Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman’s expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
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
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD, is a liver doctor (hepatologist) with specialized training and experience managing the liver health of patients with primary liver cancer. Her clinical practice is focused on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is also 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

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La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
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Direct Clinic Line - Murrieta: (951) 303-0734

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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 and transplant hepatologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which kills or impairs cells of the immune system and progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers. Learn more about HIV/AIDS care at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

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

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

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
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

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.

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.

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 suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.

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).
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

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.

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.

Joseph Lonergan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

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.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

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.

Katherine Promer, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Katherine Promer, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services, specializing 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 individuals.

Courtney Thompson, DNP, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Courtney Thompson is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC) who cares for individuals with HIV/AIDS. She is part of the care team that helps people transition smoothly from the hospitalized setting to outpatient care when they have been cleared for discharge.

Gabriel A. Wagner, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases
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.)

Aaron Willcott, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty: HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Aaron Willcott, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who specializes in HIV medicine and sexual health. He is part of the team at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, where he assists in providing primary care to adults over age 18. This includes preventative care such as cancer screenings and immunizations, and treatment of acute and chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol and thyroid disease. Willcott also helps people with HIV manage their antiretroviral therapy.

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

Specialties: Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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
Associate 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 who cares for patients with all types of infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites.

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:
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Sara H Browne, MD

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Sara H. Browne, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).
Infectious Diseases (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
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
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Jennifer R. Dan, MD, PhD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Lucy Horton, MD, MPH
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-5890

Bio:
Lucy Horton, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites, such as COVID-19, tuberculosis and malaria.

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).
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Scott Letendre, MD  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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Katherine Promer, MD  
Infectious Disease Specialist

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

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

Specialty:  
Infectious Diseases

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.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Gabriel A. Wagner, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
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Infectious Diseases - Tropical Diseases

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

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.

Marriage and Family Therapy

Marriage and Family Therapy is a branch of psychotherapy that helps individuals, couples and families to nurture change and development. It provides diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders, with a holistic perspective to care.

Amber Rukaj, MA, LMFT
Marriage and Family Therapist

Specialty:
Marriage and Family Therapy

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Amber Rukaj, MA, is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) who provides therapy to women, infants, and their families during the prenatal and postpartum period. She specializes in treating perinatal mood disorders and working with individuals as they transition into parenthood. She also provides therapy for reproductive trauma, pregnancy loss and infertility.
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.

Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**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)

**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
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

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: (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 - 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.

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  
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.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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

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

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

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.

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.
**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  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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:**  
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**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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

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  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**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.

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) 697-3000  
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.

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: (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) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - 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

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

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Bio:
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Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

**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

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**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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

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**Tyler Woodell, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

**Contact:**  
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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

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

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 697-3000
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

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

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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

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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:
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Bio:
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Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

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

Bio:
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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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 697-3000
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
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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.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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

**Add'l Language:**
Polish

**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:**
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 - Medical Offices South
Hillcrest - UC San Diego 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.
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.
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.

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.
Nutrition Counseling

Nutrition Counseling is a process in which a registered dietician works with an individual to assess his or her dietary intake and identify areas where change is needed based upon medical and/or individual needs.

Carla Salcedo, RD, CDE
Registered Dietitian

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Carla Salcedo is a registered dietitian (RD) who counsels people on their eating habits to improve health and help treat diseases. She provides nutrition education and medical nutrition therapy.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

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

Stephen A. Hebert, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**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:**
Stephen Hebert, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who specializes in providing inpatient care to women with obstetric or gynecological issues that require hospitalization.

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 comprehensive obstetrics and gynecologic care at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Washington sees patients at the Hillcrest campus for prenatal care and family planning services and gynecologic problems. She aims to provide a holistic approach to patient care and 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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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.
Christina Buenrostro, MSN, FNP-BC  
Nurse Practitioner  

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

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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745  

Bio:  
Christina Buenrostro, MSN, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC) who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology. She provides routine prenatal care, comprehensive gynecological care and family planning services for women of all ages. Common conditions she treats include vaginitis, pelvic pain and abnormal uterine bleeding. Ms. Buenrostro also provides well woman exams and breast exams.

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

Specialty:  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Subspecialty:  
General Gynecology  

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

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

Bio:  
Julia Cormano, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN) who provides expert prenatal care, labor and delivery care, and postpartum care, as well as emergency gynecological care. She is part of the hospitalist team that cares for patients at UC San Diego Health’s Hillcrest and Jacobs Medical Center locations. Dr. Cormano believes in building strong relationships with her patients and in listening to their needs. She often works with patients who are interested in a trial of labor for a vaginal birth after prior cesarean section (VBAC) and offers external cephalic version (ECV). She works collaboratively with an outstanding midwife team to provide minimal intervention and evidence-based obstetrics care on labor and delivery.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Eliana Deutsch, MSN, WHNP-BC, ANP-C
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

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

Bio:
Eliana Deutsch, MS, RN, is a board-certified women’s health nurse practitioner (WHNP-BC) and adult nurse practitioner (ANP-C). She provides routine prenatal care, comprehensive gynecological care and family planning services for women of all ages. She has a special interest in caring for teens and adolescents.

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

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

**Subspecialty:**
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
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
General Gynecology

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

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-7878

**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.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology (cont.)

Alice Harman Sutton, MD, FACOG  
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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

**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

**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.
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.)

Gladys "Sandy" Ramos, MD
Perinatologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspeciality:
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.

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

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Subspeciality:
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Midwifery

Christine Cortes, MSN, CNM
Certified Nurse-Midwife

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
Midwifery

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

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

**Bio:**
Christine Cortes, MSN, is a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) who provides family-centered maternity care, along with well-woman care, family planning and other services. She delivers babies in our holistic, in-hospital birth center or in the traditional labor and delivery environment, depending on the desires and needs of her patients.

Janna Ekholm, MSN, CNM
Certified Nurse-Midwife

**Specialty:**
Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Subspecialty:**
Midwifery

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
Janna Ekholm, MSN, is a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) who provides family-centered maternity care, along with well-woman care, family planning and other services. She delivers babies in our holistic, in-hospital birth center or in the traditional labor and delivery environment, depending on the desires and needs of her patients.
Melissa Grear Mann, MPH, CNM
Certified Nurse-Midwife

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Midwifery

Additional Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8745
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6790
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Melissa Mann, MPH, is a certified-nurse midwife (CNM) who provides family-centered maternity care, along with well-woman care, family planning and other services. She delivers babies in our holistic, in-hospital birth center or in a traditional labor and delivery environment, depending on the desires and needs of her patients.

Beth Timpe, MS, CNM
Certified Nurse-Midwife

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
Midwifery

Additional Language:
Spanish

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

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

Bio:
Beth Timpe, MS, is a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) who provides family-centered maternity care, along with well-woman care, family planning and other services. She delivers babies in our holistic, in-hospital birth center or in the traditional labor and delivery environment, depending on the desires and needs of her patients.
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) 697-3000  
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.

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**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: (858) 657-7200

**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.

Akeela Benson, MSN, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Primary Care

Downtown - West F Street
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Downtown:: (833) 823-9777
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic:: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Akeela Benson, MSN, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages.

Katherine Promer, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

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:
Katherine Promer, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services, specializing 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 individuals.

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.

David J. Grelotti, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate 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.

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
Associate 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
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

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.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Wael ElMaraachli, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate 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
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

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.

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.
Pulmonology (Lung) - Critical Care

Wael ElMaraachli, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

**Language(s):**
Arabic, Spanish

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

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

**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.

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)

**Location:**
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, FACCP
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

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

**Location:**
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.
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, F ACCP
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**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.
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, FACC
Pulmonologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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.

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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

**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, PhD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats various rheumatic and autoimmune conditions such as rheumatoid, psoriatic and osteoarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, gout, pseudogout, systemic lupus, scleroderma, mixed connective tissue disease, Sjögren's syndrome, myositis, systemic vasculitis and others. He also performs diagnostic and interventional ultrasound to diagnose and treat conditions such as tendinitis, trigger finger, carpal tunnel syndrome, bursitis, shoulder / rotator cuff disease, and other minor sports or repetitive injuries.

**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.
Rheumatology (cont.)

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.

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.

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.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Specialty:  
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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.
Rheumatology (cont.)

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.

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.

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

Katherine Nguyen, MD
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).
Rheumatology (cont.)

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.

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.

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

Specialties:
Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology (Lung)

Additional 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 - 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

**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 suppurativa. 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:**  
Eric D. Adler, MD, 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.

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**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

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.
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
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.
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.

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**Pranab M. Barman, MD**  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

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

**Bio:**  
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman’s expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (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
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD, is a liver doctor (hepatologist) with specialized training and experience managing the liver health of patients with primary liver cancer. Her clinical practice is focused on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is also 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.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspeciality:
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. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and 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

Subspeciality:
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 and transplant hepatologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
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
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
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.
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