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Allergy & Immunology

Allergy and Immunology is the medical specialty concerned with allergies and disorders of the immune system. Learn more about allergy and immunology at UC San Diego Health.

Bruce Zuraw, MD
Allergist, Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Bruce Zuraw, MD, is a board-certified physician who specializes in angioedema, urticaria, allergic and non-allergic rhinitis, allergen immunotherapy, anaphylaxis, and sinusitis. Dr. Zuraw directs the US HAEA Angioedema Center at UC San Diego Health.
Allergy & Immunology - Asthma

Sandra C. Christiansen, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Sandra C. Christiansen, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema and allergic airway disease. Dr. Christiansen is an internationally respected allergy and angioedema expert and cares for people with various medical conditions related to the immune system. These include respiratory tract diseases (e.g. sinusitis and asthma), allergic conditions of the skin (e.g. atopic dermatitis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Taylor Doherty, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Taylor Doherty, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist with expertise in asthma, allergies and adult immune deficiency. He provides diagnosis and treatment for problems related to the human immune system such as skin disorders (e.g., hives, eczema), respiratory tract diseases (e.g., sinusitis, asthma), autoimmune related disease (e.g., arthritis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Marc A. Riedl, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Clinical Director, Angioedema Center
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Marc A. Riedl, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema, immune deficiency diseases, asthma, anaphylaxis, food and medication sensitivity, and other related conditions. Dr. Riedl is the clinical director of UC San Diego Health’s U.S. HAEA Angioedema Center, which offers comprehensive evaluations and treatment options for people with all forms of angioedema.
Concierge Medicine

Concierge medicine is a relationship between a patient and a physician in which the patient pays an annual fee or retainer in exchange for enhanced, personalized medical care. Learn more about concierge medicine at UC San Diego Health.

**William J. Ackerman, MD**
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
William Ackerman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

**Edward David Brown, MD**
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine
Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Edward David Brown, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

**Tahir I. Bhatti, MD**
Wellness Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Concierge Medicine

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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**Bio:**
Tahir I Bhatti, MD, is a wellness physician at UC San Diego Health's Concierge Medicine program and Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. As an integrative psychiatrist, Dr. Bhatti combines his traditional training with meditation, mindfulness, stress reduction techniques, life coaching, chi kung, t'ai chi, breath work, human design and bio-field therapies. He has been a meditation practitioner since 1991 and t'ai chi instructor since 1995.

**Alma Harb, MD**
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Alma Harb, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Concierge Medicine (cont.)

Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care
Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Bio:
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
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.

Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, FAAD
Dermatologist

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats patients with skin cancers such as basal cell, melanoma, squamous cell, leukemia cutis and lymphoma of the skin. She also treats inflammatory skin conditions including eczema, rosacea and psoriasis as well as acne and warts.

Anna Di Nardo, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology
Add'l Language:
Italian

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Anna Di Nardo, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who oversees the High Risk Pigmented Lesion Clinic. She also specializes in mole mapping and digital dermoscopy to detect early-stage melanoma.

Robert A. Dorschner, MD, FAAD
Dermatologist

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Robert Dorschner, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who diagnoses and cares for adult general dermatology patients and performs minor surgeries. He treats all medical dermatologic conditions, from skin cancer to rashes, acne and warts.

Tissa Hata, MD
Dermatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Tissa Hata, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and clinical service chief and director of the UC San Diego Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit.
Charisse Orme, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Charisse Orme, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in general dermatology as well as treating complex conditions such as cutaneous lymphoma, medication reactions in the skin, autoimmune blistering diseases and cutaneous connective tissue disease.

Arisa Ortiz, MD, FAAD
Dermatologist
Director of Laser and Cosmetic Dermatology
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Arisa Ortiz, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of laser and cosmetic dermatology at UC San Diego Health. She specializes in the latest noninvasive procedures, including laser skin resurfacing, dermal filler and toxin injections, body contouring, skin tightening, and the treatment of scars.

Taraneh Paravar, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

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

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

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

Jeremy A. Schneider, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Jeremy Schneider, MD, is a dermatologist who sees general medical dermatology patients. He also has a special interest in inpatient dermatology and directs the inpatient consultation service, staffing inpatient consultations with dermatology residents.
Dermatology (cont.)

Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty: Dermatology
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees patients for contact dermatitis consultations and patch testing, generally only at the request of another dermatologist or allergist.

Jessica Sprague, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty: Dermatology
Add'l Language: Spanish
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Jessica Sprague, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for people with both general and complex skin conditions. Her interests include treating acne, eczema (atopic dermatitis), psoriasis, pemphigoid, pemphigus, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa and other inflammatory and neoplastic skin disorders.

Bryan K. Sun, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty: Dermatology
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Bio:
Bryan Sun, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats a variety of skin conditions, including eczema, psoriasis and acne. He also performs skin screening for skin cancer. He has a special interest in genetic skin diseases and genetic syndromes with skin manifestations.

Daniel R. Synkowski, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty: Dermatology
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
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Bio:
Daniel Synkowski, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees adult patients with general dermatology needs and performs minor surgery.
Benjamin D. Yu, MD, PhD
Dermatologist

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Benjamin Yu, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who practices general dermatology. He provides diagnosis and treatment for common skin conditions such as skin cancer, acne, psoriasis and eczema. Dr. Yu has a special interest in precision medicine, health technology and human genetic variation.
Dermatology - Dermatopathology

**Brian Hinds, MD**
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**Subspecialty:**
Dermatopathology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

**Bio:**
Brian Hinds, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist who specializes in the study of skin under the microscope and treats dermatology patients with a focus on conditions such as acne, skin infections/warts, psoriasis, eczema, and skin cancers. He also treats chronic skin conditions with internal manifestations, such as lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, and sarcoidosis, among other complex or recalcitrant skin diseases.

**Amanda F. Marsch, MD**
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**Subspecialty:**
Dermatopathology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8322
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750

**Bio:**
Amanda Marsch, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist with expertise in general dermatology as well as complex conditions such as medication reactions in the skin, cutaneous vasculitis, skin manifestations of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), HIV-related skin changes, cutaneous lymphoma, pyoderma gangrenosum, pemphigoid, pemphigus, morphea, lichen planus, lichen sclerosus, hidradenitis suppurativa, and cutaneous connective tissue disease.
Dermatology - Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

Shang I Brian Jiang, MD
Professor of Dermatology
Director, Dermatologic and Mohs Micrographic Surgery

Specialty:
Dermatology
Subspecialty:
Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
S. Brian Jiang, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of dermatologic and Mohs micrographic surgery at UC San Diego Health. Mohs surgery, a type of precise surgical technique, is used to remove basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, the two most common skin cancers. In addition to Mohs surgery, Dr. Jiang's expertise includes reconstructive surgery and cosmetic dermatology and laser procedures.
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD  
Otolaryngologist  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane  

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

Bio:  
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Associate Professor of Surgery

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

Subspecialty:
Laryngology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about internal medicine at UC San Diego Health.

William J. Ackerman, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
William Ackerman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Alma Harb, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Alma Harb, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Edward David Brown, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine
Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

**Add'l Language:**
Gujarati

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**Bio:**
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
Occupational/Environmental Medicine

UC San Diego Health’s Occupational and Environmental Medicine provides the San Diego area with a full range of services for prevention and compliance assistance; work injury treatment and management; blood borne pathogen exposure; vaccinations; and case coordination. Learn more about occupational and environmental medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH
Occupational Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty: Occupational/Environmental Medicine
Add'l Languages: Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician. She has extensive clinical and leadership experience directing occupational medicine clinics and delivering clinical services to employers in virtually all industrial sectors, including biotech/life sciences/technology, public entity, and manufacturing.

John C. Kim, MD
Physician, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty: Occupational/Environmental Medicine

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
John C. Kim, MD, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician who specializes in treating and managing work-related injuries, illnesses and diseases.
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.

William J. Ackerman, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Bio:
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Alma Harb, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French, Spanish

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Edward David Brown, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Bio:
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Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

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Bio:
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Radiology

Radiology is the branch of medicine specializing in the use of imaging technologies such as x-ray and radiation to diagnose and treat diseases. Learn more about radiology at UC San Diego Health.

Stephen M. Dorros, MD, FACR
Medical Director, Outpatient Imaging Services
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Steven M. Dorros, MD, is a board-certified radiologist with subspecialty training in neuroradiology. His clinical focus is on imaging the brain and spine to better understand and treat a variety of conditions, including back pain, sports injuries, malignancies and epilepsy.
Radiology - Neuroradiology

Julie Bykowski, MD
Neuroradiologist
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Subspecialty:
Neuroradiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Julie Bykowski, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist whose practice focuses on interpreting magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and radiographic images of the brain, head and neck, and spine. She is the consulting radiologist for Moores Cancer Center's head and neck tumor board, and for the Stroke Center team at UC San Diego Health.
Speech-Language Pathology

Speech-language pathology is the clinical specialty that focuses on evaluating and treating communication disorders and swallowing disorders. Learn more about speech and language therapy at UC San Diego Health.

Liza S. Blumenfeld, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Speech-Language Pathologist

Specialty:
Speech-Language Pathology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-4070

Bio:
Liza Blumenfeld, MA, is a speech-language pathologist with expertise in managing complex voice and swallowing disorders in a variety of patients, including those with head and neck cancer. She is a board-certified swallowing disorders specialist (BCS-S) whose therapeutic approach integrates science and technology within a multidisciplinary care model. She is dedicated to restoring patients’ quality of life while they battle the side effects of cancer treatments.

Kristen Linnemeyer, MA, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist

Specialty:
Speech-Language Pathology

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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Bio:
Kristen Linnemeyer, MA, CCC-SLP, is a certified speech-language pathologist with expertise in assessing and treating patients with complex voice and swallowing disorders that occur as a result of illness, surgery, stroke, injury, or head and neck cancer. She has a special interest in post-laryngectomy voice and swallow restoration. Linnemeyer is part of the voice and swallow team within Head and Neck Surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Erin H. Walsh, MA, CCC-SLP, IBCLC
Speech-Language Pathologist

Specialty:
Speech-Language Pathology

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Erin Walsh, MA, is a speech-language pathologist, singing voice specialist and lactation consultant. She has clinical expertise in managing a wide variety of voice disorders and newborn feeding difficulties, and a special interest in rehabilitating performers and professional voice users. She is a part of the voice and swallowing team within Head and Neck Surgery at UC San Diego Health.
Surgery

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

Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialties:**
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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**Bio:**
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
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**Subspecialty:**
Laryngology

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**Bio:**
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
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