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Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT

A blood and marrow transplant (BMT) is an infusion of adult stem cells — a BMT is used to replace bone marrow that has been destroyed by disease, chemotherapy or radiation. Learn more about blood and marrow transplant at UC San Diego Health.

Fotios (Fotis) Asimakopoulous, MB BChir, PhD
Medical Oncologist and Hematologist
Associate Professor of Medicine In Residence

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Immunotherapy
Add'l Language:
Greek

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Fotios (Fotis) Asimakopoulous, MB BChir, PhD, is a medical oncologist and hematologist who treats people with plasma cell dyscrasias, also known as plasma cell disorders. His patients may have blood-related diseases such as multiple myeloma, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), amyloidosis, and Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (a type of lymphoma).

Edward (Ted) Ball, MD
Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Edward "Ted" Ball, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who treats individuals with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. In his role as director and chief of the UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Ball offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

Caitlin Costello, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties: Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty: Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Language: Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio: Caitlin Costello, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care throughout stem cell transplants, and follow-up survivorship care.

Peter T. Curtin, MD
Clinical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties: Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty: Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio: Peter Curtin, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and oncologist who treats patients with blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloma. In his role as clinical director of Blood and Marrow Transplantation at UC San Diego Health, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Curtin offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

Aaron Goodman, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Medical Oncology

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Aaron Goodman, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) and multiple myeloma. He performs stem cell transplants for cancer treatment, including autologous (stem cells come from the individual receiving the transplant) and allogeneic (stem cells come from a matched donor) transplants.

Ayad Hamdan, MD
Hematologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:
Arabic

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Ayad Hamdan, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including lymphoma, multiple myeloma, leukemia, myeloproliferative neoplasms and myelodysplastic syndromes. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

Dan S. Kaufman, MD, PhD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Dan Kaufman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in caring for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. He is one of the physicians with the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care. Dr. Kaufman’s expertise and areas of interest include cell-based immunotherapies, stem cells, regenerative medicine and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated therapy. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Divya T. Koura, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add’l Language:
Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Divya T. Koura, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care.
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT (cont.)

James K. Mangan, MD, PhD
Hematologist / Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
James K. Mangan, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating people with blood cancers, including acute lymphocytic leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and chronic myeloid leukemia. He also has expertise in treating people with myelodysplastic syndromes, myeloproliferative neoplasms, aplastic anemia, lymphoma, and myeloma.

Carolyn Mulroney, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Carolyn Mulroney, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who provides autologous and allogeneic transplants to adults with a wide range of blood cancers and blood disorders, including lymphoma, leukemia, anemia, Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), myelodysplasia, multiple myeloma, light-chain (AL) amyloidosis and graft versus host disease (GVHD). Dr. Mulroney offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Languages:
German, Greek

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN). He is a transplant physician for the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides comprehensive blood and marrow transplant services, including autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplantation.

Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who cares for people with blood cancers, with a special focus in acute leukemia and bone marrow transplantation. He is a part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp HealthCare Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery specializes in operations to the heart, chest or both — generally includes treatment for heart and lung diseases and conditions. Learn more about cardiothoracic (heart and lung) surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Joshua A. Boys, MD
Thoracic Surgeon

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Lung Transplantation

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Lung Transplantation:: (858) 657-5050
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery:: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Joshua Boys, MD, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who treats people with cancer of the lung and esophagus, chest wall tumors and mediastinal tumors. He performs lung transplants and also treats gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and achalasia (i.e. an esophagus disorder that makes it difficult for food to pass into the stomach).

Eugene Golts, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Lung Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Ukrainian

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Eugene Golts, MD, is a board-certified general and cardiothoracic surgeon who performs the full scope of cardiothoracic surgery and thoracic organ transplantation. Dr. Golts is surgical director of the Lung Transplant Program at UC San Diego Health.

Joelle M. Coletta, MD, FACS
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Joelle Coletta, MD, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and chief of the cardiothoracic surgery section at the Veterans Administration Hospital affiliated with UC San Diego. She also performs both cardiac and thoracic operations at Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center.

Daniel L. Gramins, MD
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Daniel Gramins, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon who also serves as surgical director of the cardiothoracic surgery program at TriCity Medical Center.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery (cont.)

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Steven Howe, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating a wide range of cardiovascular diseases, including aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, and other peripheral and major vascular conditions. Dr. Howe performs adult cardiothoracic surgery, including peripheral and major vascular surgery, thoracic and abdominal endovascular surgery and thoracic trauma surgery.

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thoracoscopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

Anthony Perricone, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Lung Transplantation, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Dr. Perricone is director of the Cardiothoracic Unit at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, and surgical director of lung transplantation at UC San Diego Health.
Travis L. Pollema, DO
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.

Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.
John Lamberti, MD

Specialty:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Subspecialty:
Adult Congenital Heart Defects

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Lamberti leads the pediatric heart surgery program at Rady Children's Hospital, and also performs surgeries for adult congenital heart defects at Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.

Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Surgical Director of Heart Transplant
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Afrikaans

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lead management. Pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) deliver energy to the heart through thin, flexible wires called leads. When these leads are not working properly – because of infection, damage, or surrounding scar tissue – they need to be removed. Dr. Pretorius performs a minimally invasive procedure called laser lead extraction to cut through scar tissue surrounding the lead, allowing it to be easily removed.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) (cont.)

Naohide Sakakibara, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

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.

Nadine Benador, MD
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 203-4962

Bio:

Bethany E. Karl, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hospital Medicine, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bethany E. Karl, DO, is board-certified nephrologist. She is an assistant professor in Department of Medicine and works in the Divisions of Nephrology as well as Hospital Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine.
Nephrology (Kidney) (cont.)

Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

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

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

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

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.
**Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)**

**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.

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**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.

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**Scott Culver Thomson, MD**
Staff Physician
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**
Apheresis

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

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Thomson is the Chief of Nephrology at VASDHS and is responsible for the nephrology service at UC San Diego Thornton Pavilion for 5 to 6 months out of the year.
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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

**Bio:**
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

**Add'l Language:**
Polish

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

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

**Bio:**
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.
Alexander Bullen, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

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

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**Add'l Languages:**
Italian, Tagalog

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

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

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

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.

Charles Ginsberg, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

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.

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Jacobs Medical Center
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.
Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD  
Nephrologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

Subspecialties:  
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis  

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

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

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis  

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

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

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

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

**Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD**
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

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

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

**Bio:**  
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

**Alexander Bullen, MD**
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

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

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

**Bio:**  
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

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

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

**Add'l Languages:**  
Italian, Tagalog

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

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

**Bio:**  
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as “kidney attack”) and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology (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:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
- Nephrology (Kidney)

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

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

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

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology
Add'l Language:
Polish

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

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

Bio:
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.

Alexander Bullen, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

**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.

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

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**  
Dialysis

**Add'l Language:**  
Brazilian Portuguese

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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

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

**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.
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.

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.

Robert Parmer, MD  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

**Subspecialty:**  
Dialysis

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

**Bio:**  
Dr. Parmer is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology/Hypertension at the University of California, San Diego, and VA San Diego Healthcare System. Dr. Parmer’s nephrology practice includes: diagnosis and management of essential and secondary forms of hypertension, acute and chronic kidney disease, diabetic nephropathy, hemodialysis, general and ICU nephrology.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (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:
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.

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 - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
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.

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.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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

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

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

Add'l Language:
Polish

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

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

Bio:
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.

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.
Orthopedics

Orthopedics is the branch of medicine specializing in the treatment of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system including bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Learn more about orthopedics at UC San Diego Health.

Frank E. Chiarappa, MD
Orthopedic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion:: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line:: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Frank Chiarappa, MD, is an orthopedic oncologist who treats children and adults with cancerous and non-cancerous musculoskeletal tumors. This includes soft tissue sarcoma and primary bone tumors such as osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma and giant cell tumors. He also treats patients with cancer that has spread to the bone from other primary sites such as the breast, lung, kidney or blood.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

James H. Flint, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
James H. Flint, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating benign and malignant soft-tissue and bone tumors, including sarcoma. He treats adults and young adults over the age of 15.

James N. Hamilton, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
James Hamilton, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who cares for people with orthopedic injuries and conditions, including those with arthritis of the hip and knee and people with failed hip and knee replacements. He assists in performing a variety of procedures, including hip replacement, hip resurfacing, total and partial knee replacement, and revision arthroplasty of the hip and knee. Mr. Hamilton also works with patients to develop personalized treatment plans that fulfill their physical activity and lifestyle goals.
Orthopedics (cont.)

Tara Kelly, DNP, ANP-BC, ONP-C
Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**
Orthopedics

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (657) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Tara Kelly, DNP, is a certified adult (ANP-BC) and orthopedic (ONP-C) nurse practitioner who provides outpatient care for adults with chronic or acute general orthopedic conditions. She works with patients to develop personalized treatment plans that fulfill their physical activity and lifestyle goals.

Paymaneh (Pam) Sabet, DPM
Podiatrist and Wound Care Specialist

**Specialties:**
Podiatry, Orthopedics

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5969

**Bio:**
Pam Sabet, DPM, is a podiatrist who specializes in foot and ankle surgery and wound care. Podiatrists, also referred to as foot doctors or podiatric physicians, are specialists who diagnose and treat all conditions of the feet, ankles and legs. Their care also focuses on how the health of these structures impact the rest of the body. Dr. Sabet’s expertise includes treating foot and ankle diseases and their causes, reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, and wound care for diabetic foot ulcers.

Natalie Voskanian, MD
Sports Medicine Physician
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

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

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**
Natalie Voskanian, MD, is a board-certified sports medicine physician with expertise in the nonsurgical treatment of sports-related injuries and musculoskeletal conditions, including sprains, ligament injuries, tendinitis and overuse injuries such as runner’s knee and iliotibial band (ITB) syndrome. She specializes in returning athletes and patients back to their sports and activities after an injury. She has experience taking care of athletes at all levels, including professional and Olympic levels as well as collegiate, high school, and recreational.

Kathy Weber, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

**Specialty:**
Orthopedics

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Encinitas - Garden View Road

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Kathy Weber, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who evaluates and treats patients with acute orthopedic injuries, such as a sprains, strains, contusions or other conditions of sudden onset. Her areas of expertise include performing joint injections, joint aspiration, splinting, casting and joint reduction.
Orthopedics - Foot & Ankle

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

Andrew Denevan, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Andrew Denevan, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works with the Foot and Ankle Division in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. His areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative care. Mr. Denevan is experienced in recommending appropriate custom orthotics and braces, and providing footwear recommendations. He also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where he assists in the care of student athletes.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line.: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams’ expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow, wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren's contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - North El Camino Real

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line.: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Bryan T. Leek, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Bryan Leek, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating sports and upper extremity injuries, including arthroscopy and reconstruction of the knee, shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. He has a particular interest in treating shoulder injuries, performing arthroscopic and open techniques in repair and reconstruction. He performs both anatomic and reverse shoulder arthroplasty. He treats traumatic, overuse, and degenerative injuries, including arthritis of both the upper and lower extremity. Dr. Leek is trained in microscopic and minimally invasive surgical techniques involving the hand and upper extremity.

Matthew Meunier, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region's top hand injury experts and an associate team physician for the San Diego Padres. He was a consultant physician for the San Diego Chargers.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Rheumatology, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Francis Gonzales, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult hip and knee joint replacement surgery.

Christina V. Harris, MPA, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Joint, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Christina V. Harris, MPA, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works in orthopedic oncology (bone cancer) and joint reconstructions. In this capacity, she assists with preoperative and postoperative care of orthopedic patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She also educates patients on orthopedic oncology management as well as hip and knee reconstructions.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr. Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

William T. Kent, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
William Kent, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma (cont.)

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Surgery

**Subspecialty:**
Orthopedic Trauma

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

**Location:**
- La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
- Jacobs Medical Center
- Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
- Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Orthopedics - Spine

Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, is board-certified orthopedic surgeon with expertise in complex adult reconstruction procedures for deformity/scoliosis and tumors. He specializes in complex disorders of the upper cervical spine, including tumors and degenerative or post-traumatic conditions.

Steven Robert Garfin, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Interim Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Steven Garfin, MD, is a board-certified and internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon specializing in the adult spine. He has been consistently elected as a top doctor in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Haewon Lee, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - Garden View Road
Encinitas - North El Camino Real

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Haewon Lee, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in treating spine disorders, and nonsurgical treatment for neck and back pain. Her practice focuses on helping people return to the activities they enjoy and improving their quality of life. She has a special interest in treating patients with cancer-related impairments.

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams’ expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow, wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren's contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Spine, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
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**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Andrew Denevan, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

**Specialty:**
Orthopedics

**Subspecialties:**
Foot & Ankle, Sports Medicine

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Andrew Denevan, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works with the Foot and Ankle Division in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. His areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative care. Mr. Denevan is experienced in recommending appropriate custom orthotics and braces, and providing footwear recommendations. He also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where he assists in the care of student athletes.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

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

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - North El Camino Real

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Bryan T. Leek, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Bryan Leek, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating sports and upper extremity injuries, including arthroscopy and reconstruction of the knee, shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. He has a particular interest in treating shoulder injuries, performing arthroscopic and open techniques in repair and reconstruction. He performs both anatomic and reverse shoulder arthroplasty. He treats traumatic, overuse, and degenerative injuries, including arthritis of both the upper and lower extremity. Dr. Leek is trained in microscopic and minimally invasive surgical techniques involving the hand and upper extremity.

Matthew Meunier, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region’s top hand injury experts and an associate team physician for the San Diego Padres. He was a consultant physician for the San Diego Chargers.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Upton, MS, ATC, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialty:
Sports Medicine

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Jackie Upton, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) and certified athletic trainer (ATC) who cares for patients with orthopedic sports injuries. She is part of the multidisciplinary team that provides state-of-the-art care to athletes of all ages. Her areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative patient care. She also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where she assists in the care of high school and collegiate athletes.
Kenneth Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialty:
Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Japanese

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Kenneth Vitale, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in sports medicine and sports nutrition. As a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (also known as a physiatrist), Dr. Vitale's expertise is in guiding individuals with orthopedic conditions through a variety of nonsurgical treatment options.
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