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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.

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

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.

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

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

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

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

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.

Wynnis Tom, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

Benjamin D. Yu, MD, PhD
Dermatologist

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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 sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa, and cutaneous connective tissue disease.
Shang I Brian Jiang, MD
Director, Dermatologic and Mohs Micrographic Surgery
Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology
Subspecialty:
Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

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

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

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

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFSA
Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Barry H. Greenberg, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and internationally recognized pioneer in the field of heart failure. He directs the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program at UC San Diego Health.

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.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

**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.

**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.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

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

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

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

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.

Marcus A. Urey, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

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

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.

Jennifer Berumen, MD  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Transplantation, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line.: (858) 657-6487  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

**Bio:**  
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

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.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery  
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:  
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr:: (858) 657-7729  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-6487

Bio:  
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.

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

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

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.

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

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pranab M. Barman, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

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

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

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Moores Cancer Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

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

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

**Subspecialty:**
Liver Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**
French

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**Bio:**
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Surgery, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

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**Bio:**
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Suzanne Sharpton, MD  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialty:**  
Liver Transplantation  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Suzanne Sharpton, MD, MAS, is a general and transplant hepatologist with expertise in managing many types of chronic liver disease, including nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, chronic hepatitis, autoimmune disorders, cirrhosis, and liver disease caused by alcohol. She works closely with members of the UC San Diego Health Liver Transplant team in order to provide care to patients in need of liver transplantation.

Irine E. Vodkin, MD  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

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

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

Kamyar Afshar, DO
Director, Advanced Lung Disease Program
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care

Add'l Language:
Farsi

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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6097

Bio:
Kamyar Afshar, DO, is a board-certified pulmonary and critical care physician who specializes in complex lung diseases and lung transplantation. His expertise includes treating cystic fibrosis (CF) and non-CF bronchiectasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, interstitial lung disease, sarcoidosis, as well as rare lung diseases such as lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) and tuberous sclerosis complex.

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:
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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.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation (cont.)

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:
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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.

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:
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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.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation (cont.)

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

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Contact:
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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.

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’t 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.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation (cont.)

Gordon Yung, MD
Pulmonologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Lung Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**
Cantonese

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5050

**Bio:**
Gordon Yung, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who is medical director of lung transplantation. He also specializes in advanced lung disease, including interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension and COPD.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations. Dr. Berumen is also director of the living donor kidney transplant program.

Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Urdu

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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.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery  
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:  
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Justin Parekh, MD  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:  
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

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Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH  
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon  
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

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Bio:  
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Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation (*cont.*)

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

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

**Subspecialties:**
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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

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