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Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine is the medical specialty dealing with the immediate treatment of patients whose condition is critical, requiring immediate action. Learn more about emergency medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Ilona Barash, MD, PhD

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Christanne H. Coffey, MD, FACEP
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Theodore (Ted) Chan, MD, FACEP, FAAEM
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chair of Emergency Medicine

Kama Z. Guluma, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Theodore "Ted" Chan, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Bio:

Christanne Hoffman Coffey, MD, FACEP, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. She treats and cares for people in the emergency department, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Bio:

Kama Z. Guluma, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Bio:
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

David Guss, MD
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:
“Education and training is a lifetime experience. Learn from every patient encounter and from your colleagues and students. Teaching and sharing important experiences with colleagues proves to be the most effective personal educational experience.”

Paul Ishimine, MD
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Contact:
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Lisa Lowe, MD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Contact:
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Fraid Mostamand, DO

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Contact:
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Bio:
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Amanda Nasser, MS, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

**Bio:**
Amanda Nasser, MS, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC) who cares for people of all ages in urgent care with health issues including vomiting, dehydration, strains and sprains, fever and flu, infections and skin rashes, accidents and falls, cuts that require stitches, and minor trauma. She also treats patients in the emergency department including those with life-threatening or critical conditions.

Leslie C Oyama, MD
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

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

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-6800

Elaine Sapiro, MD

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**

**Contact:**
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Sean-Xavier Neath, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

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

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Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Christian M. Sloane, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

Bio:

Valerie L. Waters, MS, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Valerie Waters, MS, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who cares for people of all ages in urgent care with health issues including vomiting, dehydration, strains and sprains, fever and flu, infections and skin rashes, accidents and falls, cuts that require stitches, and minor trauma. She also treats patients in the emergency department including those with life-threatening or critical conditions.

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
Christopher R (Kit) Tainter, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

**Bio:**
Christopher "Kit" Tainter, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in critical care medicine. As a specialist in anesthesiology critical care medicine, Dr. Tainter treats individuals with critical illnesses or injuries, particularly trauma victims and people with multiple organ dysfunction. His professional interests include resuscitation and point-of-care ultrasound.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine

Irving Jacoby, MD
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Hebrew

Encinitas - North El Camino Real
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 452-2222

Bio:
After 32 years of working in the Emergency Department, I will be taking retirement from UC San Diego, but look forward to maintaining my ties with the department on a part-time basis in the future. I will be continuing my work with the San Diego DMAT, and hope to be able to do many things I have put off for way too long.

Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH
Chief, Division of Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Medicine
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Disaster Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency room and those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine (cont.)

Gary M. Vilke, MD
Clinical Service Chief, Emergency Medicine
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Disaster Medicine

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Gary M. Vilke, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He is the clinical service chief of Emergency Medicine at UC San Diego Health and co-medical director of the Emergency Departments in Hillcrest and La Jolla, where he oversees the care for people with acute illnesses and injuries. Dr. Vilke’s expertise includes evaluation, immediate decision making and treatment to prevent further harm or disability in patients.
Colleen Campbell, MD  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine  
Subspecialty:  
Emergency Ultrasound

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
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Bio:  
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Anthony John Medak, MD  
Associate Physician  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine  
Subspecialties:  
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:  
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Encinitas - North El Camino Real

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 452-2222

Bio:
Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH, is a physician who specializes in hyperbaric medicine and limb salvaging with board certification in the practice of advanced wound care. He has expertise in the use of bioengineered skin substitutes and non-invasive vascular testing. Dr. Anderson serves as medical director of UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care program in Encinitas.

Ian Grover, MD
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Ian Grover, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. His expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Grover assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Stephen R. Hayden, MD  
Emergency Medicine Physician  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  
**Subspecialty:**  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Stephen R. Hayden, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, graduated from the accelerated six-year biomedical program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society. He did a General Surgery internship at the San Diego Naval Hospital, which was followed by a tour of duty as senior flight surgeon for the Naval Strike Warfare Center at the NAS Fallon, Nevada.

Irving Jacoby, MD  
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine  
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  
**Subspecialties:**  
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  
**Add'l Language:**  
Hebrew

**Encinitas - North El Camino Real**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
After 32 years of working in the Emergency Department, I will be taking retirement from UC San Diego, but look forward to maintaining my ties with the department on a part-time basis in the future. I will be continuing my work with the San Diego DMAT, and hope to be able to do many things I have put off for way too long.
James Killeen, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
James Killeen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Emi Latham, MD
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Diving Medicine Specialist

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Emi Latham, MD, is a board-certified emergency physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. Her expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health's Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Latham assesses a person's fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

**Anthony John Medak, MD**
Associate Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Contact:**
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Bio:**
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

**Brian Snyder, MD**
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Location:**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

**Davut Savaser, MD**

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Location:**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

**Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD**

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Location:**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-6800

**Bio:**
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

Karen Van Hoesen, MD
Director, Diving Medicine
Co-Director, San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Karen Van Hoesen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. She is recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on diving medicine. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Van Hoesen assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection. She is also the co-director of the San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving (SDCED).

Peter Witucki, MD
Associate Physician

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Witucki joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 after completing a fellowship in Hyperbarics/Diving Medicine at UC San Diego. He practices Emergency Medicine as well as Hyperbaric Medicine. He serves as a Diving Medical Officer in the US Naval Reserves.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology

Richard F. Clark, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Director, Division of Toxicology
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:
Dr. Richard Clark, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Allyson Kreshak, MD, FACEP, FACMT
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Allyson Kreshak, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. She treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, she also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology (cont.)

**Binh T. Ly, MD**
Medical Toxicologist  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Medical Toxicology

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

**Bio:**
Binh Ly, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.

**Alicia Minns, MD**

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Medical Toxicology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-6800

**Bio:**
Alicia Minns, MD, provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related illnesses.

**Aaron Schneir, MD**
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Medical Toxicology

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**Bio:**
Aaron Schneir, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. He treats patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, he also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and related illnesses.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology (cont.)

Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.

Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease.

Elizabeth S. Allen, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**
Pathology, Hematology/Blood Diseases

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

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

**Bio:**
Elizabeth Allen, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in transfusion medicine, a subspecialty of pathology, encompassing blood donation, transfusion practices, stem cell collections and cellular therapy.

H. Elizabeth Broome, MD
Director, Clinical Hematology Laboratory
Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**Moores Cancer Center**

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Broome has a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT and a MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After finishing a residency in Clinical Pathology and a fellowship in Hematopathology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, She became certified in Clinical Pathology with a specialty certification in Hematology from the American Board of Pathology.
Pathology (cont.)

Jack Bui, MD, PhD
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Jack Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist with expertise in tumor immunology and immune function tests. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to diagnosis diseases and define their extent. Dr. Bui interfaces between the cancer research and immunology programs.

Brian Datnow, MD
Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Brian Datnow graduated in medicine from the University of Witwaterstrand School of Medicine in 1970 and completed his internship in surgery (6 months) and medicine (6 months), at Johannesburg General Hospital in 1971.

Oluwole Fadare, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Oluwole Fadare, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in gynecologic and breast cancers. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to provide a definitive diagnosis of disease and define their extent.

Steven L. Gonias, MD, PhD
Chief of Pathology
Professor and Chair

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Dr. Gonias is a highly respected clinical pathologist with expertise in the laboratory diagnosis of thrombosis and bleeding disorders. As a researcher, Dr. Gonias focuses on cancer and vascular biology, as well as Alzheimer's disease.
Lawrence A. Hansen, MD
Professor of Pathology and Neurosciences

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Lawrence A. Hansen received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature in 1974 from North Central College in Naperville IL. He was granted a Medical Degree in 1977 from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, IL. Following an internship in Psychiatry at Loyola in Maywood, Dr. Hansen spent 4 years in combined Anatomic and Clinical pathology training, also at Loyola. He followed this with 3 years of Neuropathology residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and then went to UC San Diego for a two year fellowship in Geriatric Neuropathology and Dementia. After an additional year of surgical pathology fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, Dr. Hansen joined the faculty at UC San Diego School of Medicine in the Departments of Neurosciences and Pathology in 1988.

Michael J. Kelner, MD
Director, Clinical Chemistry & Toxicology Laboratory
Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Dr. Kelner received his MD from the University of Minnesota in 1981. He completed a rotating internship at UCSF and matriculated into the Straight Laboratory Medicine (Clinical Pathology) residency at UCSD in 1982. He served as Chief Resident in Clinical Pathology from 1984-85, and was awarded the David Jay Epstein Memorial Award for Research Excellence by a Pathology Resident in 1985. He was also honored with Young Investigator Awards from the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists for three consecutive years. He was board certified in 1985 in both Clinical and Chemical Pathology.

Farnaz Hasteh, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology
Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Hasteh received her medical degree in 1995 from Iran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. She completed her pathology residency (AP-CP) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, where she was the chief resident in pathology (2002-2003), teaching and directing residents.

Dzung T. Le, MD, PhD
Director of the Coagulation Laboratory, Associate Director of the Clinical Hematology Laboratory, Associate Director of Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine
Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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Contact:
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Pathology (cont.)

Grace Y. Lin, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

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Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Lin received her BS from UC San Diego, and then entered the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern University. In 2000, she completed her PhD in the laboratory of Dr. Robert A. Lamb studying the V protein of the paramyxovirus simian virus 5. She completed her MD in 2002. She then completed her pathology residency (AP and CP) at UC San Diego Medical Center where she was chief resident in 2004-2005, and then also completed fellowships in surgical pathology in 2005-2006 and placental pathology in 2006-2007.

Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD

Specialty:
Pathology

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Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Lin received his PhD in Neuroscience and his Doctor of Medicine in 2001, both from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

Eliezer Masliah, MD
Director of Autopsy Service
Professor of Neurosciences and Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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

Bio:
Dr. Masliah is the Director of the Autopsy Service at UCSD Medical Center. He is a Professor in the Departments of Neurosciences and Pathology. His research interests include the role of inflammation in neurodegenerative diseases, with a particular focus on Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Ronald W. McLawhon, MD, PhD
Director, Clinical Laboratories; Division Chief, Laboratory Medicine
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5685

Bio:
Dr. McLawhon received his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Chicago and his MD from Rush Medical College. After receiving his PhD, he served briefly as a Research Associate in Pediatrics at the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Mental Retardation Research Center at the University of Chicago.
Pathology (cont.)

Mana Parast, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Pathology
**Add'l Language:** Farsi

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

**Bio:**
Please contact me with any questions regarding gynecologic and perinatal pathology.

David Pride, MD, PhD

**Specialties:** Pathology, Infectious Diseases

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

**Bio:**
Our laboratory focuses on the role that microbial communities play in human homeostasis, health and disease. We firmly believe that the various microbial components of human ecosystems including bacteria, viruses, archaea, and fungi are important factors that help determine the natural history of their hosts. Furthermore, their interactions with humans or their interactions with other microbial constituents in these communities likely have consequences for human health.

Henry C. Powell, MD, DSc
Chief of Neuropathology
Professor

**Specialty:** Pathology

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

**Bio:**
Dr. Powell received his doctorate of medicine from the University College (Dublin, Ireland) in 1970. He completed a rotating internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital, affiliated with Jefferson Medical School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) during 1970-71. He completed a residency in Combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at UC San Diego (1971-75) and a Chief Residency in Neuropathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (1975-76).

Andres Roma, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

**Specialty:** Pathology

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**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**
Andres Roma, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate diseases and define their extent. Dr. Roma has a special interest in gynecological pathology, with a focus on genitourinary pathology, breast tumors, and soft tissue/sarcoma lesions.
Pathology (cont.)

Ahmed S. Shabaik, MD  
Attending physician  
Professor  

Specialty:  
Pathology  
Add'l Language:  
Arabic  

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Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772  

Bio:  
Dr. Shabaik is Clinical Professor of Pathology. He received his Medical Degree from The Cairo University Faculty of Medicine in Egypt. After finishing a year of rotating internship, Dr. Shabaik moved to the United States where he finished a year of straight surgical internship and AP/CP pathology residency training. Following residency Dr. Shabaik was a Fellow in Anatomic Pathology at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and then a Fellow in Cytopathology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute of the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr. Shabaik is certified by the American Board of Pathology in AP, CP and Cytopathology. Dr. Shabaik was Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of South Florida before he joined UCSD in 1992.

Ann M. Ponsford Tipps, MD  
Clinical Professor  

Specialty:  
Pathology  

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

Contact:  
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Bio:  
Dr. Tipps is a California native, educated at Pomona College, Claremont, CA (B.A. in Chemistry/Zoology). She received her M.D. at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA, and completed her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency also at VCU/MCV. Upon completion of residency training, she returned to California where she was in private practice in a private pathology laboratory and medical director at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories; and practiced anatomic and clinical pathology at Palomar Medical Center, Pomerado Hospital, and Tri-City Medical Center. She began practicing at UCSD in the Dept. of Pathology in late 2000, and joined the faculty in 2001 as an Associate Clinical Professor.

Mark A. Valasek, MD, PhD  
Pathologist  
Associate Professor of Pathology  

Specialties:  
Pathology, Cancer  

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

Bio:  
Mark Valasek, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system, liver, and pancreas. He studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate these diseases and define their extent.
Pathology (cont.)

Vera Vavinskaya, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5327

Bio:
Vera Vavinskaya, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate diseases and define their extent. She specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system and liver. She also has expertise in studying diseases on the cellular level (cytopathology).
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