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  - 4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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  - San Diego, CA 92121

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  - La Jolla, CA 92037

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  - UC San Diego Medical Center
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
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  - 330 Lewis Street
  - San Diego, CA 92103

- **Medical Offices North**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92103

- **Medical Offices South**
  - 4168 Front Street
  - San Diego, CA 92103

- **UC San Diego Medical Center**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
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  - San Diego, CA 92127

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- **Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)**
  - 1200 Garden View Road
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

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  - Encinitas, CA 92024

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- **6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302**
  - San Diego, CA 92120

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- **Downtown Express Care**
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- **910 Sycamore Avenue**
  - Vista, CA 92081

### Sorrento Valley
- **4910 Directors Place**
  - San Diego, CA 92121

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- **9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200**
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- **7910 Frost Street**
  - San Diego, CA 92123

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- **959 Lane Avenue**
  - Chula Vista, CA 91914

### Temecula
- **31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100**
  - Temecula, CA 92592
Locations
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Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, diseases and pathology of the stomach and the intestines — including digestive diseases. Learn more about gastroenterology at UC San Diego Health System.

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.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Tamil

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

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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Yuko Kono, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

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

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

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Temecula - 31720 Temecula Parkway

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Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

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

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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

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

Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

Brigid S. Boland, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

Bio:
Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

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

Contact:
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Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Nedret Copur-Dahi, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language:
Turkish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreaticography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Michael Docherty, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Dr. Docherty specializes in the management of patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He trained in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Samir Gupta, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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

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Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Mary Lee Krinsky, DO  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347  
Bio:  
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility  
**Add'l Language:**  
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347  
Bio:  
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego's GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett's esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Derek Raman Patel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
"I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."

William Jeffery Sandborn, MD
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at UC San Diego Health.

Jesus Rivera-Nieves, MD

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Persian

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347
Fax: (858) 657-6881

Bio:
Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD, is a board-certified general gastroenterologist with a particular interest in obesity and metabolism.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

**Gobind S. Anand, MD**
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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**Bio:**
Gobind Anand, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in complex endoscopic procedures for disorders of the digestive tract. These include esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett's esophagus, and endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

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**Michael A. Chang, MD**
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

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**Bio:**
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Gastroenterology - GI Cancer (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**Add'l Languages:**
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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Samir Gupta, MD
Gastroenterologist, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

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

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**Bio:**
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer (cont.)

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Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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Thomas John Savides, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Chief Experience Officer  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

**Bio:**  
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's [EUS program](https://health.ucsd.edu), which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.

Wilson Kwong, MD  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Wilson Kwong, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in treating pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Kwong's expertise also includes performing complex endoscopic procedures.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility

David C. Kunkel, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialty:**
GI Motility

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
David C. Kunkel, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal motility disorders, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), swallowing disorders, gastroparesis, bloating and overgrowth syndromes, diarrhea, fecal incontinence and constipation.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego's GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

**Brigid S. Boland, MD**
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

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Jacobs Medical Center

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**Bio:**
Brigid Boland, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats people with inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, indeterminate colitis and microscopic colitis, as well as other conditions.

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**William Jeffery Sandborn, MD**
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

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William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at UC San Diego Health.

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**Derek Raman Patel, MD**
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

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

**Bio:**
"I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."

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**Siddharth Singh, MD**
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialty:**
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

**Bio:**
Siddharth Singh, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats diseases of the digestive system. This includes conditions or symptoms that affect the esophagus, stomach, bowels, liver and gallbladder. Dr. Singh's expertise is in caring for patients with inflammatory bowel diseases, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and microscopic colitis.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

Gobind S. Anand, MD  
Gastroenterologist  

Specialty:  
Gastroenterology  

Subspecialties:  
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer  

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

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Michael A. Chang, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

Specialty:  
Gastroenterology  

Subspecialties:  
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer  

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

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Bio:  
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

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Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.
**Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)**

**Mary Lee Krinsky, DO**  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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**Bio:**  
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

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**Wilson Kwong, MD**  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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**Bio:**  
Wilson Kwong, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in treating pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Kwong's expertise also includes performing complex endoscopic procedures.

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**Thomas John Savides, MD**  
Gastroenterologist  
Chief Experience Officer  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's [EUS program](https://health.ucsd.edu), which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
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