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Palliative Care

Andrew (Drew) Bruggeman, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer, Palliative Care
Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Andrew Bruggeman, MD, is a radiation oncologist who specializes in using therapeutic radiation for palliative care. He works closely with the palliative care team at Moores Cancer Center to provide relief with palliative radiotherapy to people with cancer. He also treats patients with lymphoma and brain cancers.

Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, FAAHPM
Palliative Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, is a board-certified palliative care specialist. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for people with serious illness and their families. It can help provide relief from symptoms, pain, and emotional stress. As part of the Doris A. Howell Palliative Care service, Dr. Edmonds consults with patients who have been admitted to UC San Diego Health's hospitals in La Jolla and Hillcrest.

Jaydee Geluz, MSN, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Palliative Care
Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Jaydee Geluz, MSN, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who specializes in providing palliative care for people with cancer and other chronic diseases. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for patients with serious illnesses and their families.
Palliative Care (cont.)

**Jeremy Hirst, MD**  
Psychiatrist  
Associate Director, Patient and Family Support Services, Moores Cancer Center

**Specialties:**  
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer  
**Subspecialty:**  
Psychosocial Oncology

**Moores Cancer Center**  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 534-9061

**Bio:**  
Jeremy Hirst, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist. As part of Patient & Family Support Services at Moores Cancer Center, he treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. He can provide psychiatric assessments, treatment and medication management.

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**Jennifer S. Kim, MSN, ANP-BC, ACHPN**  
Adult Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**  
Palliative Care

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 534-9061

**Bio:**  
Jennifer S. Kim, MSN, is a board-certified adult nurse practitioner (ANP-BC) who specializes in providing palliative care for people with heart failure and other chronic diseases. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for patients with serious illnesses and their families.

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**Kevin McGehrin, MD**  
Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialties:**  
Neurology, Palliative Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest:: (619) 543-3500  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr:: (858) 657-8540  
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care:: (858) 534-9061

**Bio:**  
Kevin McGehrin, MD, is a palliative care physician and board-certified neurologist who provides expert care for patients with a variety of neurological conditions, including Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

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**William Mitchell, MD**  
Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Palliative Care

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (858) 822-6100  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 534-9061

**Bio:**  
William Mitchell, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. He cares for patients with all kinds of thoracic cancer, including lung cancer, mesothelioma and thymomas.
Palliative Care (cont.)

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 697-3000
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.

Kira A Skavinski, DO
Palliative Care Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kira Skavinski, DO, is a board-certified palliative care physician who helps relieve suffering in people with life-limiting and chronic illnesses. She provides pain and symptom management, and aims to optimize quality of life for her patients and their families while addressing their medical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs. Dr. Skavinski also assists patients and their families with discussions regarding advance care planning and goals.

Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and the director of Moores Cancer Center's Patient & Family Support Services, which treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. She can provide psychiatric assessment, treatment and medication management.
Palliative Care (cont.)

Kathryn (Kadee) Winters, MD
Palliative Care Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kathryn (Kadee) Winters, MD, is a palliative care physician who provides supportive care for people with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Palliative medicine focuses on improving the quality of life for people with serious illness and their families. It can help provide relief from symptoms, pain and emotional stress.

Heidi Yeung, MD
Palliative Care Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Palliative Care

Add'l Languages:
French, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Heidi Yeung, MD, is a board-certified hospice and palliative care specialist who manages pain and other symptoms related to disease or its treatment. She works with a multidisciplinary team to help individualize care for patients and their families.
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