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La Jolla Emergency
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Orthopedics Urgent Care
Sports Medicine
4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92033

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest
Hillcrest Emergency
UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

4th and Lewis Medical Offices
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
San Diego, CA 92103

Rancho Bernardo
Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

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

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

Downtown
Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

Scripps Ranch
9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health System.

Farshad M. Ahadian, MD
Medical Director, Center For Pain Medicine
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Farshad M. Ahadian, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care for a broad range of pain conditions. His areas of expertise and interest include minimally invasive treatments for neurogenic claudication from lumbar spinal stenosis and lumbar discogenic pain; neurostimulation (including spinal cord and peripheral nerve field stimulation); interventional therapies for the head and neck region; spinal diagnostics and therapeutics; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for joint pain; integrative medicine and medical acupuncture.

Dalia A. Banks, MD, FASE
Division Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Dalia A. Banks, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in cardiothoracic anesthesia. Cardiothoracic anesthesiologists provide anesthesia for people undergoing surgical procedures which may involve the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest.

Benjamin Beal, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Dr. Benjamin Beal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His training includes the treatment of acute and chronic pain via interventional and medication based therapies. His areas of specialty include fluoroscopic guided interventional spine injections, spinal cord stimulation, and ultrasound guided techniques.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Jonathan Benumof, MD
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Benumof is a Professor of Anesthesia in the School of Medicine at University of California, San Diego.

Michael L. Bishop, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
"My goal is to ensure that each patient receives the highest quality anesthesia care. This includes attention to the patient's psychological needs, whether it be informational or emotional support."

Alyssa Brittany Brzenski, MD
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
Tamil

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, is an anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. Dr. Chakravarthy performs a variety of procedures to treat chronic pain, specializing in dorsal root stimulation therapy, a type of neurostimulation therapy designed to manage pain in areas of the lower body such as the foot, knee, hip or groin; dorsal column stimulation; and peripheral nerve stimulation.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Leon Chang, MD  
Associate Clinical Director  
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  
Add'l Language:  
Mandarin

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

Bio:  
2007 to present- Staff Anesthesiologist at University of California, San Diego.

Ching-Rong Cheng, MD

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  
Add'l Language:  
Chinese

Bio:  
2007 to present- Staff Anesthesiologist at University of California, San Diego.

John Cornell Drummond, MD  
Professor of Anesthesiology  
Professor

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Dr. Drummond has extensive experience in the field of anesthesia for neurosurgery.

Kristin Eck Fairbanks, MD, PhD  
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
I believe in treating each patient with patience and kindness, as if they were my own family member.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Byron Douglas Fergerson, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Timothy Furnish, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Specialties: Pain Management, Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800
Bio: Timothy Furnish, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, particularly chronic pain and acute, post-surgical pain.

Mark Greenberg, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: Clinical management of pediatric patients in the OR and Intensive Care Unit.

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD
Professor
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Brian M. Ilfeld, MD, MS -Clinical Investigation
Professor
Professor, In Residence

Specialty: Anesthesiology

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

Bio: Dr. Ilfeld completed medical school at the University of California at San Francisco, internship in OB/GYN at the University of California at Los Angeles, residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California at San Francisco, and a fellowship in regional anesthesia at the University of Florida.

Brian P Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

Specialty: Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Joel Kaplan, MD

Specialty: Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Albert Y. Leung, MD
Anesthesiologist and Pain Management Specialist
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties: Anesthesiology, Pain Management
Add'l Languages: Cantonese, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035

Bio: Albert Y. Leung, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Leung has over 20 years’ experience caring for people with chronic pain, and offers a range of interventional and minimally invasive procedures, as well as medication management.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Gerard Manecke, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

William J. Mazzei, MD
Medical Director, Peri-Operative Services
Clinical Professor
Vice Chairman, Technology Development

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Dr. Mazzei may be contacted at (619)543-5754

Timothy M Maus, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Sidney K. Merritt, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California San Diego (2001 - present)
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Mark Mitchell, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.

Hemal Patel, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Liem Nguyen, MD
Staff Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.

Gregory R. Polston, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Gregory R. Polston, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. His expertise includes chronic pain, postoperative pain, cancer pain and spine-related pain.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Pariza Rahman, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Steve Rossi, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Luis M. Rivera, MD, MSEE
Clinical Instructor
Faculty Physician
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Spanish
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Dr. Rivera's goal is to make the anesthesia process a safe and pleasant one by combining techniques and tailoring the anesthetic to each individual patient.

David M Roth, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Ramon Sanchez, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Navparkash S. Sandhu, MD
Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Robin Seaberg, MD
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Gerhard Schulteis, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA
Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

Bio:
Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA, is a board-certified anesthesiologist with subspecialty training in critical care and neurosurgical anesthesia. He oversees anesthesia care for UC San Diego Health's acoustic neuroma program.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Linda Sorkin, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Preetham J. Suresh, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Education Director

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Shiley Eye Institute

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

Bio:
Dr. Suresh completed his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. He then worked as a private practice anesthesiologist at Alta Bates Summit Hospital where he was a partner in the East Bay Anesthesia Medical Group. While there, he specialized in acute pain management, regional anesthesia for orthopedic surgery and high risk obstetric anesthesia.

Mark Steven Wallace, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Chair, Division of Pain Medicine

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Mark Wallace, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, though most of his patients are affected by chronic pain.

Ruth S. Waterman, MD
Anesthesiologist
Interim Chair of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ruth Waterman, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She provides anesthesia for patients undergoing surgical or therapeutic procedures while monitoring the patient’s condition and supporting vital organ functions. As an anesthesiologist, she also diagnoses and treats both acute and chronic pain, as well as provides medical management for patients with critical illnesses and severe injuries.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Lawrence Weinstein, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Anesthesiology - Critical Care

Erik Kistler, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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

Daniel Edward Lee, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist and Pediatric Intensivist
Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Daniel E. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist and pediatrician who provides critical care services and anesthesia for children admitted to UC San Diego Health's Regional Burn Center, the only burn center in San Diego and Imperial Counties. He also provides anesthesia for patients of all ages at UC San Diego Health hospitals in Hillcrest and La Jolla, and at Rady Children's Hospital.
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Angela Meier, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
German

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

Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Bio:**
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Beverly J. Newhouse, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

Albert Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
Vietnamese

**Bio:**
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Kimberly S Robbins, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

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

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

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

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

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

Jeffrey Chen, MD, MHS
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Jeffrey L. Chen, MD, MHS, MS, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation and pain management physician. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Chen evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain. His expertise includes conservative treatment of low back and neck pain, non-surgical orthopedic conditions and sports injuries. He is the director of Regenerative Pain Medicine and the associate program director for the Pain Medicine Fellowship at UC San Diego School of Medicine.
**Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (cont.)**

### Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

**Bio:**
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.

### Kenneth Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

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

**Subspecialty:**
Sports Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Japanese

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

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

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

### Roger J. Mignosa, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Osteopathic Medicine

**La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue**
Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750

**Bio:**
Roger Mignosa, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and an exercise physiologist. Physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists help restore function in individuals who have impaired physical activity as a result of illness or injury.