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Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases in the human body, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the disease can be spread from one person to another. Learn more about treatment for infectious diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic:: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease:: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Saima Aslam, MBBS
Infectious Disease Specialist
Director, Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Add'l Language:
Urdu

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Saima Aslam, MBBS, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in caring for solid-organ transplant candidates and recipients as well as other immunocompromised individuals. Dr. Aslam directs UC San Diego Health’s Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service, which provides expert care in the prevention and management of infectious diseases in organ transplant donors and recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Constance A Benson, MD
Senior Attending Physician
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**
Dr. Benson is Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Benson received her MD degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1978, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical College in Chicago in 1986, after serving three years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as an internist.

Ajay Bharti, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**
Ajay Bharti, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones. Dr. Bharti also has expertise in tropical infectious diseases.

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services and specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health’s Owen Clinic, one of America’s top HIV care programs.

Sara H Browne, MD

**Specialty:**
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**
Sara H. Browne, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Edward R. Cachay, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases

Additional Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Anne N. Cowell, MD, MPH
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Anne Cowell, MD, MPH, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who sees patients in both the hospital and outpatient setting for a range of infectious diseases, including bloodstream and intravascular device infections, intra-abdominal and urinary tract infections, tuberculosis, prosthetic joint infections, and other postoperative infections.

Jennifer R. Dan, MD, PhD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Jennifer Dan, MD, PhD, is a board-certified internist and infectious disease specialist who cares for hospitalized patients.

Jeffrey D. Jenks, MD, MPH
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

Bio:
Jeffrey Jenks, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Jenks also has advanced training in infectious diseases and a special interest in treating tuberculosis.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Maile Young Karris, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
HIV/AIDS Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

Susan Little, MD
Professor of Medicine In Residence

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Dr. Susan Little is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases with a research interest in HIV infection. Dr. Little works at the UC San Diego Antiviral Research Center and conducts clinical translational research trials which focus on increasing our understanding of the pathogenesis of acute or primary HIV infection and HIV transmission.

Cathy Logan, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Cathy Logan, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in treating and preventing infections in immunocompromised individuals, including those with malignant disorders, stem-cell transplant recipients, and solid-organ transplant recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Sanjay R. Mehta, MD
Transplant Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Infectious Diseases  
Add'l Languages: Marathi, Portuguese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sanjay R. Mehta, MD, is one of the solid organ transplant infectious disease faculty at UC San Diego Health. He maintains an HIV-HCV co-infection clinic and is an assistant director of the Clinical Microbiology Lab at UC San Diego. He is also one of the faculty advisors for the UC Haiti Project.

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.

Michele L. Ritter, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist 
Associate Professor of Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9062

Bio:
Michele L. Ritter, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for patients with severe or deep-seated infections. She is director of UC San Diego Health’s outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy (OPAT) program, which allows patients to avoid hospitalization for serious infections by receiving intravenous (IV) antimicrobial therapies in an outpatient setting, including at-home care.

Maria C. Savoia, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist 
Dean, Medical Education

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Maria C. Savoia, MD. is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. She cares for patients with infections caused by germs such as bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites. She also provides counsel and preventive medicine services for healthy people who plan to travel. Dr. Savoia believes that the relationship between the physician and patient should be a partnership, and works closely with each patient to restore their health.
Robert Turner Schooley, MD  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Robert T. Schooley, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.

Francesca Torriani, MD  
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology  
Professor of Clinical Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

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

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**  
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.

Randy Taplitz, MD  
Clinical Director, Infectious Diseases  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

**Add'l Language:**  
French

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Randy Taplitz, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in infections in compromised individuals, especially those patients with malignant disorders and stem cell transplant recipients. She is the clinical director of Infectious Diseases at UC San Diego Health.
Darcy A. Wooten, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

David L. Wyles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
Infectious Diseases - Tropical Diseases

Sharon Lee Reed, MD
Professor of Pathology and Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases
Subspecialty:
Tropical Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sharon L. Reed, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and physician with UC San Diego Health. Since 1994, she has also been director of the clinical microbiology laboratory at UC San Diego Health.
Medical Oncology

Medical oncology focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer and other benign and malignant tumors. Medical oncologists administer therapy for these malignancies and collaborate with surgical and radiation oncologists to provide cancer treatments. Learn more about cancer care at UC San Diego Health.

Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Lung Cancer
Add'l Language:
Russian

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100

Bio:
Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. Her clinical practice is devoted to patients with all types of lung cancer, and she has particular expertise with female patients and nonsmokers.

Sarah G. Boles, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Breast Cancer, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100

Bio:
"I will strive to provide state-of-the-art care for patients with breast cancer, sarcoma and blood disorders, including access to clinical trials."

Gregory Botta, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Gregory Botta, MD, PhD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in treating solid tumor cancers of the gastrointestinal system, including cancers of the digestive system, esophagus, stomach, gallbladder, pancreas, liver, small intestine, colon, appendix, rectum and anus, and gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST).
Adam M. Burgoyne, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Adam Burgoyne, MD, PhD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers or cancers that affect the digestive system. This includes cancers of the liver, esophagus, gallbladder, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, colon and appendix, as well as gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He uses numerous forms of therapy, including traditional chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy, with an emphasis on personalized medicine to offer the best possible treatment options. He is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where he works as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.

Ezra Cohen, MD, FRCPSC, FASCO
Medical Oncologist
Chief, Division of Hematology-Oncology
Associate Director, Translational Science, Moores Cancer Center
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Immunotherapy

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Ezra Cohen, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and an internationally renowned cancer researcher. He cares for patients with all types of head and neck cancers, including esophageal, thyroid and salivary gland cancers.

Gregory A. Daniels, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Immunotherapy

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-3804

Bio:
Gregory A. Daniels, MD, is a board-certified oncologist. He coordinates care for patients with melanoma, skin cancers, and head and neck cancers.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Paul T. Fanta, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmacogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.

Kathryn A. Gold, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-5182

Bio:
Kathryn A. Gold, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating cancers of the lung, head and neck. She uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for her patients.

Aaron Goodman, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Medical Oncology
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Aaron Goodman, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) and multiple myeloma. He performs stem cell transplants for cancer treatment, including autologous (stem cells come from the individual receiving the transplant) and allogeneic (stem cells come from a matched donor) transplants.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Teresa Helsten, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Teresa Helsten, MD, is a board-certified oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Helsten provides comprehensive care for women with breast cancer and offers patients the opportunity to enroll in cooperative group trials as well as industry-sponsored and investigator-initiated clinical trials.

Hatim Husain, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Urdu

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5182

Bio:
Hatim Husain, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating lung cancer and brain tumors. He strives to provide the highest level of care for his patients and their families. Dr. Husain uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, hormonal, biological, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options.

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Shumei Kato, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Language:
Japanese

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-2372

Bio:
Shumei Kato, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating rare cancers and gastrointestinal tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Kato has a special interest in targeted molecular therapy and his approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine and experimental therapeutics.

Lawrence P. Leichman, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Bio:
Lawrence Leichman, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal (GI) cancers. These include cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, stomach, liver, rectum and colon. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, biologic therapy, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for patients. Dr. Leichman also has expertise in using neoadjuvant therapies to treat gastrointestinal malignancies. Neoadjuvant therapies, which include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and hormone therapy, are delivered to a person before the main treatment (surgery), with the intent lower to lower the risk that the cancer will return.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

**Rana R. McKay, MD**
Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialties:**  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  

**Subspecialty:**  
Urologic Cancer  

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  

**Bio:**  
Rana R. McKay, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with genitourinary (urologic) cancers, including bladder cancer, kidney cancer, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Dr. McKay is part of the urologic cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where she works with a team of doctors to provide patients with highly specialized care.

**Frederick Millard, MD**
Medical Oncologist  
Professor of Medicine  

**Specialties:**  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  

**Subspecialty:**  
Urologic Cancer  

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100  

**Bio:**  
Frederick Millard, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with genitourinary (urologic) cancers, including bladder cancer, kidney cancer, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and other germ cell tumors, as well as other rarer cancer types. He is a founder and former co-director of the genitourinary oncology team at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center. His particular interest is in treatment of patients with germ cell tumors (testicular cancer) and improving the care of these patients in the San Diego community.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Aaron M. Miller, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Aaron M. Miller, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, bowel and anus. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Miller’s approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine/precision oncology, adoptive cellular therapy, next-generation tumor sequencing and tumor immunology. He is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, where he works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.

William Mitchell, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Palliative Care
Subspecialty:
Lung Cancer

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.

Mina Nikanjam, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Precision Medicine

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mina Nikanjam, MD, PhD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in treating melanoma and other skin cancers, as well as rare tumors. She also specializes in experimental therapeutics and early phase clinical trials with the goal of providing patients with state of the art treatments. Many of these novel therapies are designed to be more effective with less toxicity and targeted for individualized therapy.
Barbara A Parker, MD  
Breast Medical Oncologist  
Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialties:  
Precision Medicine, Breast Cancer  

Moores Cancer Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100  

Bio:  
Barbara A. Parker, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. She has extensive experience treating and managing breast cancer. Her top priority is to provide excellent patient care consisting of access to new therapies.

Hitendra Patel, MBBS  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialty:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers  

Moores Cancer Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3115  

Bio:  
Hitendra Patel, MBBS, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the pancreas, esophagus, gallbladder, liver, stomach, small intestine, colon/bowel and anus, as well as gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) and neuroendocrine and carcinoid tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, biological therapy, including new medicines as part of clinical trials, to offer the best possible treatment options.

Sandip P. Patel, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialties:  
Lung Cancer, Immunotherapy, Precision Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish  

Moores Cancer Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5182  

Bio:  
Sandip Patel, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in cancer immunotherapy and early phase clinical trials involving immunotherapy across all types of cancer. Dr. Patel is focused on developing personalized therapies that stimulate a patient’s immune system to attack their specific tumor. He believes in offering these promising immunotherapeutics across all tumor types.

James Michael Randall, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Medical Oncologist  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialty:  
Urologic Cancer  

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  

Bio:  
Dr. Randall is a medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of patients with urologic cancer. He is a part of UCSD's multidisciplinary urologic cancer team, and works with urologists and radiation oncologists to care for patients with prostate, kidney, and bladder cancer.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Angelique E. Richardson, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Angelique Richardson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She uses chemotherapy, hormone therapy and targeted therapies to offer the best possible treatment options.

Erin Roesch, MD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Erin Roesch, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer. She uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, hormone therapy, biological therapy, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for her patients. Dr. Roesch has a special interest in women’s health and her approach to care emphasizes building strong relationships with her patients. She also believes in providing care that embraces an understanding of diversity and cultural awareness.

Assuntina G. (Tina) Sacco, MD
Medical Oncologist
Infusion Center Medical Director, Moores Cancer Center
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Head & Neck Cancers

Add'l Language:
Italian

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Assuntina Sacco, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancers. She cares for patients with all types of head and neck cancer, including thyroid cancer and salivary gland cancer.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Richard Schwab, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - Breast Health Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Richard Schwab, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer. As needed, Dr. Schwab treats women with endocrine therapy and/or chemotherapy. These treatments can be used to reduce the risk of breast cancer spreading to other parts of the body and can help allow for breast conserving surgery. He also provides medications that can be used to improve the lives of patients with breast cancer that has spread elsewhere in the body.

Rebecca A. Shatsky, MD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Rebecca A. Shatsky is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer. She uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, hormone therapy, biological therapy, and targeted therapy to offer the best treatment options for her patients.

John P. Shen, MD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
John Shen, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, colon and appendix. He uses numerous forms of therapy including traditional chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Shen is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health's Moore’s Cancer Center, where he works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

Tyler Stewart, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Urologic Cancer

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Tyler Stewart, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who treats patients with a variety of genitourinary malignancies, including prostate, bladder, kidney and testicular cancer.

Kay T. Yeung, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer
Add'l Languages:
Cantonese, Mandarin

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Breast Health Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Kay Yeung, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the treatment of breast cancer. She uses numerous forms of therapy, including endocrine (anti-estrogen) therapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy to offer the best possible treatment options. Dr. Yeung is part of the Comprehensive Breast Health Center where she works with surgeons, radiation oncologists, and other specialists to provide patients with highly specialized care.
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