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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
Subspeciality:
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
Subspeciality:
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).
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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

Moores Cancer Center

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

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 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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

**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

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**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

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

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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
Additional Languages:  
Cantonese, Mandarin

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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.
**Pathology**

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

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**Elizabeth S. Allen, MD**  
Pathologist  
Assistant Professor of Pathology

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

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

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

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

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**Jack Bui, MD, PhD**  
Pathologist  
Associate Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**  
Pathology, Cancer

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

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

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

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

**Specialty:**  
Pathology

**Moores Cancer Center**

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

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

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**Brian Datnow, MD**  
Professor

**Specialty:**  
Pathology

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

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

Oluwole Fadare, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

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

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

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

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

Lawrence A. Hansen, MD
Professor of Pathology and Neurosciences

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

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

Farnaz Hasteh, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

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

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

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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

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

Grace Y. Lin, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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

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

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

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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

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

Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD

**Specialty:**
Pathology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
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Pathology (cont.)

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

Andres Roma, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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

Ahmed S. Shabaik, MD
Attending physician
Professor

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

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

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

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

Vera Vavinskaya, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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