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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
**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).
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 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.
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

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

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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
Add'l 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.
Psychiatry

Psychiatry is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Learn more about psychiatry at UC San Diego Health.

Charles D. Ashbrook, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 543-6350

Bio:
Charles Ashbrook, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in outpatient care of young adults and adults with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, psychosis, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and personality disorders. A guiding principal of his clinical practice is to review, simplify, and optimize his patients’ medication regimens, using evidence-based approaches.

Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Telugu

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats general mental health issues in adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, insomnia and bipolar disorders. She provides medication management and psychotherapy to help treat these mental health conditions.

Kristin Cadenhead, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 543-7745
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 543-6445

Bio:
Kristin Cadenhead, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and director of UC San Diego Health's early psychosis treatment program. This clinical and research program offers specialized care for adolescents and young adults who are experiencing changes in their thoughts, behavior or emotions that might be associated with serious mental illness.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Ashley L. Clark, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Ashley Clark, MD, is board-certified psychiatrist whose practice focuses on women’s reproductive mental health issues, such as premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), and mood and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum period. She is part of the Women’s Reproductive Mental Health Program at UC San Diego Health.

Nancy Downs, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Nancy Downs, MD is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health needs of college students and transition age youth.

Douglas D’Agati, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Douglas D’Agati, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating adults and young adults with mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders, psychosis, and schizophrenia.

David Folsom, MD
Director, Division of Clinical Psychiatry
Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Department of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
David Folsom, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and director of the Division of Clinical Psychiatry at UC San Diego Health. He has a special interest in providing care for people with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses, and those with both mental and physical health problems. He uses a comprehensive, whole-person approach to psychiatric care, addressing all areas that contribute to a person’s successful recovery as well as promoting life skills, providing education, and cultivating help-seeking behavior.
Psychiatry (cont.)

David J. Grelotti, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:** Psychiatry
**Add'l Language:** Haitian Creole

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Bio:**
David Grelotti, MD is an adult and child psychiatrist and directs mental health services at UC San Diego Health’s [Owen Clinic](https://health.ucsd.edu), one of nation’s premier multispecialty care clinics focused on the treatment and prevention of HIV and related illnesses. Dr. Grelotti provides care for mental health, substance use, and related disorders to children, adolescents, and adults with HIV and at risk for HIV.

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

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

**Moores Cancer Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

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

Jonathon R. Howlett, MD
Psychiatrist

**Specialty:** Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

**Bio:**
Jonathon Howlett, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals with treatment-resistant depression. His practice also includes treating more general mental health conditions such depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Alan J. Hsu, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5381

Bio:
Alan John Hsu, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating cancer patients struggling with mood and anxiety issues brought on by cancer. He also sees individuals with cancer who have pre-existing mental health challenges.

Ildiko Kovacs, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Hungarian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Ildiko Kovacs, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals and couples experiencing issues related to sexual function, sexuality and gender.

Walter H. Kaye, MD
Director, Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-8019

Bio:
Walter Kaye, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating individuals with anorexia nervosa and other eating disorders. As director of the Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Kaye and his team use an intensive and innovative approach that addresses each person’s medical, psychological and psycho-educational health. The evidence-based program also offers family counseling to help patients and their families with improved understanding, communication, and capacity for growth.

Vanessa L. Lauzon, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6350

Bio:
Vanessa L. Lauzon, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and board-certified family medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized adults with mental health conditions. In the inpatient setting, she treats depression, anxiety disorders, PTSD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, substance use disorders, neurocognitive disorders, co-morbid medical and psychiatric issues, and issues related to grief and coping in patients with serious medical issues.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Julie L. Le, DO
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place
Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla Family Medicine: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla Internal Medicine: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line - Sorrento Valley: (858) 249-5400
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 471-9250

Bio:
Julie L. Le, DO, is a board-certified psychiatrist who works in primary care clinics alongside primary care doctors to deliver comprehensive psychiatric care. She acts as a psychiatry consultant, offering expert medication review and management for mental health conditions such as depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Carla Marienfeld, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-1680

Bio:
Carla Marienfeld, MD, is a board-certified addiction psychiatrist who specializes in treating individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions, such as anxiety and depression. She supports recovery in a harm-reduction approach that uses therapy, motivational interviewing, and medication-assisted treatment.

Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who delivers compassionate, expert care to people with bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders. He also cares for individuals with treatment-resistant depression using transcranial magnetic stimulation.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Aaron Meyer, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6350

Bio:
Aaron Meyer, MD, is a psychiatrist who specializes in caring for people with severe or acute mental illness and behavioral health conditions. This includes caring for individuals who experience significant and distressing symptoms of a mental illness that require immediate treatment.

Lama Muhammad, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Add'l Language:
Arabic

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Lama Muhammad, MD, is a psychiatrist whose practices focuses on the mind-body connection and its relationship to mental health disorders. She also has expertise in mental illnesses related to autoimmune disorders, and in understanding the cultural dimensions of mental health.

Hoang Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Sarah Pai, MSN, PMHNP-BC
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Sarah Pai, MSN, is a board certified family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP-BC) who has broad experience working with teens and adults. She has a special interest in treating bipolar, schizophrenia and substance use disorders (addiction). Ms. Pai’s experience includes caring for individuals in both inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as community psychiatry.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Alison Reminick, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Alison Reminick, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health care needs for women with premenstrual syndrome (PMS), premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), pregnancy and postpartum mood disorders, and emotional disturbances during menopause. She directs the Women's Reproductive Mental Health Program at UC San Diego Health, which helps women manage and recover from anxiety, depression, or other emotional concerns during infertility, pregnancy, or the postpartum period.

Isabel Ribeiro Caldas Domingues, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7745

Bio:
Isabel Ribeiro Caldas Domingues, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating young adults with early psychosis. She also has clinical expertise in identifying young adults at high-risk of developing a psychotic disorder or in the “prodromal” (early) phase.

Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who provides expert, compassionate mental health care services to UC San Diego undergraduate and graduate students.

Jennifer Roby, DO
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Jennifer Roby, DO, is a psychiatrist who provides general mental health care services for adults. She provides care to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students through UC San Diego Health’s College Mental Health Program. She also helps women with postpartum depression, postpartum anxiety and other reproductive-related mental health concerns that affect women and their families.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Sanjaya Saxena, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Sanjaya Saxena, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist focusing on the treatment of people with obsessive-compulsive disorders (OCD) and related conditions such as compulsive hoarding and body dysmorphic disorder.

Alexandra Sietsma, MSN, PMHNP-BC
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Terry A. Schwartz, MD
Clinical Director, Eating Disorders Treatment and Research Program
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-8019

Bio:
Terry A. Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals with eating disorders, mood disorders and anxiety disorders. She has more than 20 years’ experience and has particular expertise in treating individuals who have an eating disorder co-occurring with mood, anxiety or substance abuse disorders.

Louisa Steiger, MD

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Alexandra Sietsma, MSN, is an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and board-certified psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP-BC) who assesses and treats adults and young adults with depression, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, psychotic disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and personality disorders. She has experience in both inpatient and outpatient care.
Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH
Psychiatrist
Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

**Bio:**
Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats individuals with anxiety, and trauma and stressor-related disorders, including panic disorder, agoraphobia, social anxiety disorder (social phobia), generalized anxiety disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with or without depression.

Hannah C. Sweet, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

**Bio:**
Hannah Sweet, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating children and adolescents with all types of mental illness and psychiatric conditions. Her practice is part of UC San Diego Health’s comprehensive and compassionate mental health services for teens.

Jon (David) Stiffler, MD
Psychiatrist

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

**Bio:**
David Stiffler, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats people with substance use disorders, trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), mood disorders, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Jessica L. Thackaberry, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

**Bio:**
Jessica L. Thackaberry, MD, is a psychiatrist who provides compassionate, knowledgeable care to those seeking general mental health outpatient services. She has clinical expertise in telemedicine for mental health and, as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry, has research interests in helping the underserved and providing community-based mental health services.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD
Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Psychosocial Oncology
Add'l Language:
Tagalog
Moores Cancer Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061
Bio:
Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and the director of Moores Cancer Center's Patient & Family Support Services, which treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. She can provide psychiatric assessment, treatment and medication management.

Sidney Zisook, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry
Specialty:
Psychiatry
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792
Bio:
Sidney Zisook, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating adults who are experiencing grief, anxiety, or the effects of a mood disorder. His experience is in caring for people with complicated bereavement, as well as those with chronic mental health conditions or illnesses that do not respond well to treatment. Dr. Zisook also uses integrative therapy to treat each person as a whole, including their mental, physical and emotional needs.

Steven F. Huege, MD
Psychiatrist
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792
Bio:
Steven Huege, MD, is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health and neurodegenerative disorders in older adults, including both chronic and new-onset mental illness. His areas of clinical expertise include Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and mood and psychotic disorders in older adults.

Daniel D Sewell, MD
Director, Senior Behavioral Health
Professor of Psychiatry
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3772
Bio:
Daniel D. Sewell, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist focusing on the treatment of older adults with behavioral health issues.
Psychiatry - Geriatric Psychiatry (cont.)

Kalya Vardi, MD  
Psychiatrist  
Medical Director, Senior Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program

Specialty:  Psychiatry  
Subspecialty:  Geriatric Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive  
Hillcrest - 410 Dickinson Street  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:  
Kalya Vardi, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health problems in older adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and the psychiatric or behavioral complications of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease.

Raisa Yagudayeva, DO  
Psychiatrist  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:  Psychiatry  
Subspecialty:  Geriatric Psychiatry  
Add'l Language:  Russian

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3772

Bio:  
Raisa Yagudayeva, DO, is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health problems in older adults, including major neurocognitive disorder, major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, psychosis and obsessive compulsive disorder. She is interested in electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), which is used to relieve symptoms of several mental health conditions.
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