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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).

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 board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating primary liver cancers such as hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). He also treats cancers of the esophagus, gallbladder, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, colon and appendix, as well as gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST).
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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.

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.

Gregory A. Daniels, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
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.
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.

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.

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.

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.)

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.

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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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.

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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

**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.

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**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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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) 534-9061

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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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. He is focused on developing personalized therapies that stimulate a patient’s immune system to attack their specific tumor. He is part of UC San Diego Health’s Precision Immunotherapy Clinic, which offers the most promising investigational immunotherapy treatments for many types of cancer.

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.

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.

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.)

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
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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.
Medical Oncology (cont.)

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.

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.

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.
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