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Genetic Counseling

**Taylor J. Berninger, MS, MA, MEd, CGC**  
Genetic Counselor

**Specialty:**  
Genetic Counseling

**Sorrento Valley - Directors Place**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

**Bio:**  
Taylor Berninger, MS, MA, MEd, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides assessment and counseling for individuals and their partners before and/or during pregnancy. She helps mothers understand how genes, family history, birth defects or other medical conditions can affect their or their baby’s health. She is part of the Maternal-Fetal Care and Genetics team, which offers ultrasound and prenatal diagnostic testing for both low-risk and high-risk pregnancies.

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**Christina Brock, MS, CGC**  
Genetic Counselor

**Specialty:**  
Genetic Counseling

**Additional Language:**  
Spanish

**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Sorrento Valley - Directors Place**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3240

**Bio:**  
Christina Brock, MS, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides risk assessment and genetic counseling for patients and their families. She helps people investigate their family health history, navigate the genetic testing process, and understand and adapt to the medical or psychological implications of genetic diseases.

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**Kimberly Forbes, MS, CGC**  
Genetic Counselor

**Specialty:**  
Genetic Counseling

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3240

**Bio:**  
Kimberly Forbes, MS, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides risk assessment and genetic counseling for patients and their families. She helps people investigate their family health history, navigate the genetic testing process, and understand and adapt to the medical or psychological implications of genetic diseases. Ms. Forbes' expertise includes evaluating hereditary cancer syndromes.
Genetic Counseling (cont.)

Lauren Korty, MS, CGC
Genetic Counselor

**Specialty:**
Genetic Counseling

**Moores Cancer Center**
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3240
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

**Bio:**
Lauren Korty, MS, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides risk assessment and genetic counseling for patients and their families. She helps people investigate their family health history, navigate the genetic testing process, and understand and adapt to the medical or psychological implications of genetic diseases. Ms. Korty's expertise includes evaluating hereditary cancer syndromes, as well as prenatal genetic counseling.

Andrea Procko, MS, PhD, CGC
Genetic Counselor

**Specialty:**
Genetic Counseling

**Moores Cancer Center**
Sorrento Valley - Directors Place

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3240
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

**Bio:**
Andrea Procko, MS, PhD, CGC, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides risk assessment and genetic counseling for patients and their families. She helps people investigate their family health history, navigate the genetic testing process, and understand and adapt to the medical or psychological implications of genetic diseases. She primarily serves as a prenatal genetic counselor working with individuals and their partners before and/or during pregnancy. She helps parents understand how genes, family history, birth defects, or other medical conditions can affect their or their baby’s health.

Lisa Madlensky, PhD, CGC
Genetic Counselor
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Genetic Counseling

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3240

**Bio:**
Lisa Madlensky, PhD, is a board-certified genetic counselor who provides cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling for patients and their families. She helps people investigate their family health history, navigate the genetic testing process, and understand and adapt to the medical or psychological implications of genetic diseases.
Nephrology (Kidney)

Nephrology is the specialty of medicine and pediatrics focusing on the study of kidney function, and the treatment of kidney problems. Learn more about nephrology (kidney) at UC San Diego Health.

Bethany E. Karl, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hospital Medicine, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Bethany E. Karl, DO, is board-certified nephrologist. She is an assistant professor in Department of Medicine and works in the Divisions of Nephrology as well as Hospital Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine.

Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Noureddin Nourbakhsh, DO, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in caring for pediatric patients with a range of kidney conditions, including chronic kidney disease, hypertension, renal transplant, genetic renal disorders, glomerulonephritis, and renal cystic disease. He helps lead a clinic twice a month that coordinates the transition of pediatric patients to adult nephrology care as they come of age.

Michael G. Ziegler, MD
Director, Hypertension Clinic; Program Director, UCSD General Clinical Research Center
Professor

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
"I carry out research on disorders of blood pressure control. My current studies include studies on the causes of hypertension including genetics, sleep apnea and stress. I also study the causes of postural hypotension including space flight, bed rest and autonomic insufficiency."
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis

Robyn Cunard, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Robyn Cunard, MD is a board-certified nephrologist, with a special interest in glomerular diseases. She specializes in general nephrology and hypertension care, hemodialysis and apheresis.

Joachim H. Ix, MD
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

**Add'l Language:**
German

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.
Scott Mullaney, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

**Bio:**
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Apheresis (cont.)

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.

Scott Culver Thomon, MD
Staff Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspeciality:
Apheresis

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Dr. Thomson is the Chief of Nephrology at VASDHS and is responsible for the nephrology service at UC San Diego Thornton Pavilion for 5 to 6 months out of the year.
Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
Polish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP
Nephrologist
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Nephrology (Kidney)
- **Subspecialties:** Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation
- **Subspecialties:** Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology
- **Add'l Language:** Polish

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

**Bio:**
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Alexander Bullen, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Jacobs Medical Center  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248  

**Bio:**  
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH  
Nephrologist  
Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  

**Subspecialties:**  
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease  

**Add'l Languages:**  
Italian, Tagalog  

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397  

**Bio:**  
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as "kidney attack") and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Robyn Cunard, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Robyn Cunard, MD is a board-certified nephrologist, with a special interest in glomerular diseases. She specializes in general nephrology and hypertension care, hemodialysis and apheresis.

Charles Ginsberg, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**  
Charles Ginsberg, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in hypertension, chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury and electrolyte disturbances.

Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, FASN  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease

**Add'l Languages:**  
Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Pranav Garimella, MBBS, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist who provides care for a wide range of kidney diseases, including chronic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, hypertension, and acute kidney injury. He has a special interest in polycystic kidney disease, kidney stones, and metabolic bone disease.

Joachim H. Ix, MD  
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

**Add'l Language:**  
German

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

**Cynthia Miracle, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  
**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis  

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Cynthia M. Miracle, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for chronic hemodialysis and renal transplant patients. She also provides nephrology consultation for patients who are hospitalized.

**Scott Mullaney, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)  
**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis  

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

**Tamara Rubenzik, MD**  
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

**Specialties:**  
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care  
**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061  
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**  
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease (cont.)

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
Polish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tyler Woodell, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with kidney disease, ranging from acute kidney injury to chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease. He has a special interest in treating patients with glomerular disease, which includes conditions such as lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy and various causes of nephrotic syndrome. He also treats patients with hypertension, electrolyte and acid-base disorders.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Joseph A. Abdelmalek, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Joseph Abdelmalek, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. He also has expertise in treating electrolyte disorders.

Alexander Bullen, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease

Add'l Languages:
Italian, Tagalog

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as "kidney attack") and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology (cont.)

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.

Natalie Sweiss, MD, FASN
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Critical Care Nephrology, Apheresis

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Natalie Sweiss, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease including chronic kidney disease, end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. She provides apheresis and hemodialysis treatments to chronic and acute patients.
Tomasz Beben, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

Add'l Language:  
Polish

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:  
Thomasz Beben, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in chronic kidney disease. He sees patients on dialysis with end-stage renal disease, as well as pre- and post-kidney transplant patients. Dr. Beben also has expertise treating people with hypertensive nephrosclerosis and various electrolyte abnormalities.

Alexander Bullen, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:  
Alexander Bullen, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease.

Charles Ginsberg, MD  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:  
Charles Ginsberg, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the management of hypertension, chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury and electrolyte disturbances.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

**Joachim H. Ix, MD**  
Chief, Division of Nephrology-Hypertension  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

**Add'l Language:**  
German

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Joachim Ix, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease and acute renal failure as a result of underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, sepsis and glomerulonephritis. He is chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension.

**Etienne Macedo, MD, PhD, FASN**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialty:**  
Dialysis

**Add'l Language:**  
Brazilian Portuguese

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**  
Etienne Macedo, MD, PhD, is a nephrologist who diagnoses and treats patients with kidney disease, including renal failure, kidney stones and high blood pressure.

**Cynthia Miracle, MD**  
Nephrologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

**Bio:**  
Cynthia M. Miracle, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for chronic hemodialysis and renal transplant patients. She also provides nephrology consultation for patients who are hospitalized.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Scott Mullaney, MD  
Nephrologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

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

Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:  
Scott Mullaney, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who cares for patients with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease with a particular interest in peritoneal dialysis. He is the clinical service chief for the Nephrology Division at UC San Diego Health.

Robert Parmer, MD  
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialty:  
Dialysis

Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:  
Dr. Parmer is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology/Hypertension at the University of California, San Diego, and VA San Diego Healthcare System. Dr. Parmer’s nephrology practice includes: diagnosis and management of essential and secondary forms of hypertension, acute and chronic kidney disease, diabetic nephropathy, hemodialysis, general and ICU nephrology.

Tamara Rubenzik, MD  
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:  
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care  
Subspecialties:  
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South  
Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061  
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:  
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Amber Paratore Sanchez, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Apheresis, Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 249-3030

Bio:
Amber Sanchez, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and medical director of the therapeutic apheresis program at UC San Diego Health.

Danuta Trzebinska, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Apheresis

Add'l Language:
Polish

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Danuta Trzebinska, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist with a special interest in chronic kidney disease. She is medical director of the Chronic Kidney Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Apheresis, Kidney Transplantation

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Contact:
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Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis (cont.)

Tyler Woodell, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Nephrology (Kidney)

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis

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

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**Bio:**
Tyler Woodell, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who treats people with kidney disease, ranging from acute kidney injury to chronic kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease. He has a special interest in treating patients with glomerular disease, which includes conditions such as lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy and various causes of nephrotic syndrome. He also treats patients with hypertension, electrolyte and acid-base disorders.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Transplant Nephrology

Tomasz Beben, MD
Nephrologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Transplantation, Dialysis, Transplant Nephrology

**Add'l Language:**
Polish

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Adnan Khan, MBBS, FASN, FNKF
Nephrologist

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Kidney Transplantation, Transplant Nephrology, Pancreas Transplantation

**Add'l Languages:**
Hindi, Urdu

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**Bio:**
Adnan Khan, MBBS, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in all aspects of kidney and pancreas transplantation. He also has expertise in treating patients with complex cases of hypertension.
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