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Neurology

Neurology is the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study and treatment of disorders of the nervous system. Learn more about neurology at UC San Diego Health.

James B Brewer, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Chair, Department of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 552-8585

Bio:
James Brewer, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in the early detection of Alzheimer’s disease. He is a pioneer in developing neuroimaging approaches to analyze brain structure.

Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4447

Bio:
Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with general neurology disorders, as well as multiple sclerosis and other neuroimmunological disorders. She is also interested in the neurologic complications of cancer and cancer therapy.

David Coughlin, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
David Coughlin, MD, MTR, is a board-certified neurologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, tremor, essential tremor, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), multiple system atrophy, corticobasal syndrome, dementia with Lewy bodies, ataxia, dystonia, myoclonus, drug-induced movement disorders, and gait abnormalities.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Ronald J. Ellis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in adult neurological diagnosis and treatment for patients with HIV or AIDS. He is the only specialist in the neurology of HIV/AIDS in the San Diego area and also receives referrals from throughout California.
**Neurology (cont.)**

**Sean J. Evans, MD**
Neurology Core Clerkship Director  
Associate Clinical Professor  
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Co-Director  
Neurosciences Education Committee Chair

**Specialty:** Neurology  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Dr. Evans is a general clinical neurologist with broad experience in the clinical and electrophysiologic diagnosis and care of patients with neurologic disorders. He is the Director of the Neurology Core Clinical Clerkship, Co-Director of the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Core Course, and Director of the UC San Diego Medical Center Urgent Neurology clinic.

**Douglas Galasko, MD**
Neurologist  
Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:** Neurology  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Dr. Galasko is board-certified in neurology, with special expertise in memory disorders, Alzheimer’s diseases, and unusual neurological conditions such as dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia.

**Jeffrey H. Gertsch, MD**
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:** Neurology  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD**
Neurologist  
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:** Neurology  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats adults and children. She partners with patients, families and the multiple sclerosis clinical team to provide comprehensive care for people of all ages. Specialty care tracks are offered for children and pregnant women with multiple sclerosis.
Neurology (cont.)

Betul M. Gundogdu, MD  
Neurologist  

**Specialty:**  
Neurology  

**Add'l Language:**  
Turkish  

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500  
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Betul Gundogdu, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who cares for patients with neuromuscular disorders such as ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig’s disease), myasthenia gravis, inflammatory neuropathies and muscular dystrophies. She serves as director of electromyography (EMG) laboratory and electrodiagnostic services at UC San Diego Health.

Chamindra Konersman, MD  
Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences  

**Specialty:**  
Neurology  

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Chamindra Konersman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist at UC San Diego Health. She provides general neurological care to people with a range of neurologic conditions, with an emphasis on neuromuscular diseases. She sees patients with conditions including, inclusion body myositis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, myasthenia gravis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, periodic paralysis, and all muscular dystrophies.

Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD  
Neurologist  
Professor of Neurosciences  

**Specialty:**  
Neurology  

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500  

**Bio:**  
Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD, is a board-certified, internationally recognized neurologist and multiple sclerosis (MS) expert. He is devoted to improving the diagnosis and care for people with MS and related disorders such as transverse myelitis; optic neuritis; neuromyelitis optica; autoimmune encephalitis; and systemic immune disorders that affect the central nervous system, including sarcoidosis and lupus. Dr. Kinkel directs the multiple sclerosis program at UC San Diego Health and leads the program's clinical, research, and educational efforts within the Department of Neurosciences.

Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD  
Neurologist  
Adjunct Professor of Neurosciences  

**Specialty:**  
Neurology  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540  

**Bio:**  
Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neurodegenerative diseases. A neuroscientist and world-renowned expert in dementia, Dr. Lipton is best known for developing the FDA-approved memantine (Namenda®, NamendaXR®, Namzaric®), the first drug in a novel class of medications used to treat moderate-to-severe Alzheimer’s disease.
Neurology (cont.)

Kevin McGehrin, MD  
Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Palliative Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8540  
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Kevin McGehrin, MD, is a palliative care physician and board-certified neurologist who provides expert care for patients with a variety of neurological conditions, including Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

David Piccioni, MD, PhD  
Neuro-oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Neuroscience

Specialties:  
Cancer, Neurology

Subspecialty:  
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6346

Bio:
David Piccioni, MD, PhD, is a certified neuro-oncologist and board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating primary and metastatic tumors of the brain and nervous system. He also has expertise in treating the neurological complications of cancer and the side effects of brain cancer treatment, such as headaches and seizures.

William C. Mobley, MD, PhD  
Neurologist  
Distinguished Professor of Neurology

Specialty:  
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
William Mobley, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who cares for patients with Alzheimer’s disease and other memory disorders. He has a special interest in diagnosing and guiding care for patients who have Down syndrome and signs of Alzheimer’s disease and other neurological conditions.

John Ravits, MD  
Neurologist  
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
John Ravits, MD, is a board certified clinical neurologist specializing in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), motor neuron diseases, neuromuscular disorders, and clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Ravits is the director of the ALS clinic at UC San Diego Health and vice chair of adult neurology and the neurological sciences.
Neurology (cont.)

Jeremy N. Rich, MD, MHS
Neuro-oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Jeremy Rich, MD, MHS, MBA, is a certified neuro-oncologist and renowned physician-scientist who specializes in diagnosing and treating brain tumors, including gliomas (e.g. glioblastoma, astrocytoma, brainstem glioma, ependymoma, and oligodendroglioma) and brain metastases. As part of a multidisciplinary approach, Dr. Rich works closely with neurosurgeons and medical and radiation oncologists to provide comprehensive treatment plans unique to each patient.

Evelyn Tecoma, MD, PhD
Chief of Neurology, Thornton Hospital
Professor of Neurosciences

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
In 1991, Dr. Tecoma was recruited to serve as Associate Director of the UC San Diego Epilepsy Center, a busy tertiary referral center, epilepsy monitoring unit, and comprehensive epilepsy surgery program.

Mark H Tuszynski, MD, PhD
Professor

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Dr. Tuszynski is currently conducting research in the fields of Alzheimer's Disease, and Spinal cord injury. He has had more than 120 scientific publications in these areas.

Erik S. Viirre, MD, PHD
Neurotologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Add'l Language:
French

Bio:
Dr. Viirre specializes in neurotology (diagnosis and outpatient treatment of vertigo, balance disorders, and tinnitus). He has been with the UC San Diego Department of Neurosciences since 2006 and the Department of Surgery, Division of Head and Neck Surgery since 1998. A member of numerous scientific boards, Dr. Viirre is also an Research Professor in the UC San Diego Department of Cognitive Science and a research associate of the US Navy Naval Medical Center San Diego.
Neurology - Dementia

Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD
Professor Emeritus of Neurosciences
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Dementia

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-1288

Bio:
Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in dementia and neurodegenerative conditions associated with Alzheimer’s disease, Huntington’s disease and multiple sclerosis. She has more than 20 years of experience treating multiple sclerosis and has cared for individuals with the most difficult cases and those with limited means.

Gabriel Léger, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Dementia
Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Gabriel Léger, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in dementia and neurodegenerative conditions associated with Alzheimer’s disease, Huntington’s disease and multiple sclerosis. He has expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of atypical or focal dementias, including frontotemporal dementia (FTD), primary progressive aphasia, posterior cortical atrophy, and dementia with Lewy bodies including Parkinson’s disease dementia.

Jose Angel Soria-Lopez, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Dementia
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4447
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Jose Soria-Lopez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with general neurology disorders, as well as memory disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.
Neurology - Epilepsy

**Vicente Iragui-Madoz, MD, PhD**
Director, Clinical Neurophysiology
Professor of Neuroscience

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Epilepsy

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

**Leena Raj Kansal, MD**
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Epilepsy

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
Leena Kansal, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating infants, children, and adolescents with neurological disorders, especially epilepsy and medically refractory epilepsy (when the condition does not respond to medication). Her expertise includes clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy surgery, i.e. invasive intracranial electroencephalography (EEG) monitoring and intraoperative electrocorticography.

**Olivia Kim McManus, MD**
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Epilepsy

**Add'l Languages:**
Korean, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
Olivia Kim McManus, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating infants, children, and adolescents with neurological disorders, especially epilepsy and medically refractory epilepsy (when the condition does not respond to medication). Her expertise includes clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy surgery, i.e. invasive intracranial electroencephalography (EEG) monitoring and intraoperative electrocorticography.

Leena Kansal, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in epilepsy. Her care focuses on the evaluation and treatment people with recurrent seizures and seizure disorders.
Neurology - Epilepsy (cont.)

David J. Lee, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
David J. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats seizures and epilepsy, including epilepsy that does not respond to medication.

Jerry J. Shih, MD
Director, Epilepsy Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Epilepsy
Add'l Language:
Mandarin

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Jerry Shih, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating people with epilepsy. He directs UC San Diego Health's Level 4 Epilepsy Center, which provides the highest level of care to people with epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and is the only nationally designated epilepsy center in the region. The Comprehensive Epilepsy Program offers state-of-the-art neurodiagnostic monitoring and neuroimaging for diagnosing complex epilepsy conditions, and advanced medical and surgical treatment options. Dr. Shih's expertise also includes managing the care of patients with refractory epilepsy, or seizures that are not controlled with medications.
Neurology - Epilepsy (cont.)

June Yoshii-Contreras, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Epilepsy

Additional Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
June Yoshii-Contreras, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating people with epilepsy. She takes a holistic approach in helping patients deal with the challenges that are common in the epilepsy population in order to improve their overall quality of life. Her clinical interests involve treating complex epilepsy patients with medications, surgery and implanted neuro-stimulation devices.
Neurology - Headache

Hossein Ansari, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Turkish/Azeri

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Hossein Ansari, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and certified headache specialist who specializes in diagnosing and treating headaches and facial pain. He is highly experienced in caring for people with migraines, "cluster" headaches and trigeminal neuralgia.

Suzan Khoromi, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache
Add'l Languages:
French, Persian, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Suzan Khoromi, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating migraines, headaches and neurologic pain conditions.

Imanuel Lerman, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Imanuel Lerman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Lerman evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, including acute, chronic and cancer pain. He has extensive experience in ultrasound guidance for interventional pain procedures and interventional headache treatment, teaching and speaking nationally on these subjects.

Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD
Pain Management Specialist and Headache Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and pain and headache specialist. He sees people with all types of chronic pain, with a special focus on spine pain and headache.
Neurology - Headache (cont.)

Sara S. Siavoshi, DO
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurology

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Headache

Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Sara Siavoshi, DO, is a board-certified neurologist who treats headaches, migraines, traumatic brain injury and general neurological conditions. She performs procedures such as Botox injections, nerve blocks and trigger point injections. In addition, her research interests include migraines and facial pain.
Neurology - Movement Disorders

Dominic Ferrey, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
Dominic Ferry, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neuromuscular conditions such as Lou Gehrig’s disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]), myasthenia gravis, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), amyloid neuropathy and muscle diseases.

Stephanie Lessig, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Stephanie Lessig, MD, is a board-certified neurologist with UC San Diego Health and the VA San Diego Healthcare System. She regularly sees people with Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders, such as dystonia and ataxia. Dr. Lessig specializes in both deep brain stimulation and the administration of botulinum toxin.
Neurology - Movement Disorders (cont.)

Irene Litvan, MD, FAAN, FANA  
Neurologist  
Director, Movement Disorders Center  
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology  
Subspecialty:  
Movement Disorders  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:  
Irene Litvan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and director of the Parkinson and Other Movement Disorders Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Litvan treats and diagnoses individuals with Parkinson’s disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, dementia with Lewy bodies, corticobasal degeneration, multiple system atrophy, Huntington’s disease, essential tremor and frontotemporal dementias.

Caitlin Mulligan, MD  
Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology  
Subspecialty:  
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:  
Caitlin Mulligan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, tremor, dystonia, or other gait and balance problems. She has expertise and special interest in deep brain stimulation (DBS) as a tool to treat movement disorders, as well as botulinum toxin injections.

Brenton A. Wright, MD  
Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:  
Neurology  
Subspecialty:  
Movement Disorders

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:  
Brenton Wright, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats people with movement disorders, including Parkinson’s disease, dystonia, tremor, ataxia, chorea, tics, tardive syndromes and other rare diseases.
Neurology - Neurocritical Care

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialties:
Neurocritical Care, Stroke
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.

Navaz Karanjia, MD
Medical Director, Neurointensive Care Unit
Associate Professor of Neurosciences and Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Neurocritical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6291

Bio:
Navaz Karanjia, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in caring for people with life-threatening diseases of brain, spinal cord and nerves. She is medical director of UC San Diego Health's Neurocritical Care Program and Neuro-Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which she also founded. The Neuro-ICU team provides around-the-clock expert care, seven days a week, to critically ill patients who may have severe brain injury, stroke or brain tumors, or may be recovering from a neurosurgical procedure.

Jamie Labuzetta, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Neurocritical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6291

Bio:
Jamie Labuzetta, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and neurocritical care specialist who treats patients with acute neurological emergencies requiring intensive care. These patients may have severe brain injury, stroke or brain tumors, or are recovering from a neurosurgical procedure.
Neurology - Stroke

Kunal Agrawal, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care

Subspecialty:
Stroke

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Kunal Agrawal, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in vascular neurology and stroke treatment. He focuses on the spectrum of stroke care, including stroke prevention, acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, and post-acute stroke care.

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialties:
Neurocritical Care, Stroke

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.

Jonathan D. Bui, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Stroke

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Vietnamese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Jonathan Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in the development of magnetic resonance techniques to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases. He cares for both children and adults with neurological diseases and spends the majority of his clinical time focused on neuroimaging and cerebrovascular medicine.
Neurology - Stroke (cont.)

Thomas Hemmen, MD, PhD
Vascular Neurologist
Director, Stroke Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke
Add'l Language:
German

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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Bio:
Thomas Hemmen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist. His expertise includes caring for patients with stroke, cerebrovascular diseases, and those who require neurological critical care. Dr. Hemmen directs the stroke center at UC San Diego Health and was instrumental in establishing the center as the first certified Stroke Center of Excellence in San Diego County.

Branko Huisa-Garate, MD
Vascular Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Stroke
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Branko Huisa-Garate, MD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist who specializes in treating cerebrovascular diseases such as acute ischemic stroke, cerebrovascular malformations, vascular dementia and vascular cognitive impairment.
Neurology - Stroke (cont.)

Brett C Meyer, MD
Co-Director, UCSD Stroke Center
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences
Medical Director, UCSD Enterprise Telemedicine

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke

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Bio:
Brett C. Meyer, MD, is a neurologist at UC San Diego Medical Center, Co-Director of the UC San Diego Stroke Center, and Medical Director for UC San Diego Enterprise Telemedicine. He specializes in acute cerebrovascular disease therapies and technological evaluation and treatment techniques.

Royya Modir, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Royya Modir, MD, is a board-certified neurologist specializing in vascular neurology and the treatment of stroke. Her focus is on treatment strategies for stroke prevention and using thrombolytics for the treatment of acute stroke.

Scott E. Olson, MD
Vascular Neurologist and Endovascular Neurosurgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialties:
Endovascular Neurosurgery, Stroke

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
Scott E. Olson, MD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist with additional fellowship training in interventional neuroradiology/endovascular neurosurgery. He specializes in evaluating and treating disorders of the blood vessels of the brain and spinal cord, which can lead to ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke. His expertise includes both medical and endovascular care for individuals with extra and intracranial stenoses, brain aneurysms and vascular malformations, whether congenital or acquired.
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