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La Jolla Emergency
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Orthopedics Urgent Care
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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center
Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest

Hillcrest Emergency
UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

4th and Lewis Medical Offices
330 Lewis Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices North
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices South
4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103

UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Rancho Bernardo
Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

Encinitas
Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

Downtown
Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

Scripps Ranch
9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health System.

Farshad M. Ahadian, MD
Medical Director, Center For Pain Medicine
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Farshad M. Ahadian, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care for a broad range of pain conditions. His areas of expertise and interest include minimally invasive treatments for neurogenic claudication from lumbar spinal stenosis and lumbar discogenic pain; neurostimulation (including spinal cord and peripheral nerve field stimulation); interventional therapies for the head and neck region; spinal diagnostics and therapeutics; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for joint pain; integrative medicine and medical acupuncture.

Dalia A. Banks, MD, FASE
Division Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Dalia A. Banks, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in cardiothoracic anesthesia. Cardiothoracic anesthesiologists provide anesthesia for people undergoing surgical procedures which may involve the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest.

Benjamin Beal, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management
Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Dr. Benjamin Beal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His training includes the treatment of acute and chronic pain via interventional and medication based therapies. His areas of specialty include fluoroscopic guided interventional spine injections, spinal cord stimulation, and ultrasound guided techniques.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Richard Bellars, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Jonathan Benumof, MD

Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5560

Bio:
Dr. Benumof is a Professor of Anesthesia in the School of Medicine at University of California, San Diego.

Michael L. Bishop, MD

Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
"My goal is to ensure that each patient receives the highest quality anesthesia care. This includes attention to the patient's psychological needs, whether it be informational or emotional support."

Alyssa Brittany Brzenski, MD

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Wendy Campana, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Specialties: Pain Management, Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Tamil

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800
Bio: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, is an anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. Dr. Chakravarthy performs a variety of procedures to treat chronic pain, specializing in dorsal root stimulation therapy, a type of neurostimulation therapy designed to manage pain in areas of the lower body such as the foot, knee, hip or groin; dorsal column stimulation; and peripheral nerve stimulation.

Leon Chang, MD
Associate Clinical Director
Assistant Clinical Professor
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Mandarin
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: 2007 to present- Staff Anesthesiologist at University of California, San Diego.

Ching-Rong Cheng, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Chinese
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

John Cornell Drummond, MD  
Professor of Anesthesiology  
Professor  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

Jacobs Medical Center  

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

Bio:  
Dr. Drummond has extensive experience in the field of anesthesia for neurosurgery.

Byron Douglas Fergerson, MD  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

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

Kristin Eck Fairbanks, MD, PhD  
Assistant Clinical Professor  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

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

Bio:  
I believe in treating each patient with patience and kindness, as if they were my own family member.

Timothy Furnish, MD  
Pain Management Specialist  
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology  

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

Bio:  
Timothy Furnish, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, particularly chronic pain and acute, post-surgical pain.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Mark Greenberg, MD  
Assistant Clinical Professor  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

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

Bio:  
Clinical management of pediatric patients in the OR and Intensive Care Unit.

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD  
Professor  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

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

Bio:  
Dr. Ilfeld completed medical school at the University of California at San Francisco, internship in OB/GYN at the University of California at Los Angeles, residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California at San Francisco, and a fellowship in regional anesthesia at the University of Florida.

Brian M. Ilfeld, MD, MS -Clinical Investigation  
Professor  
Professor, In Residence  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

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

Bio:  
Dr. Ilfeld completed medical school at the University of California at San Francisco, internship in OB/GYN at the University of California at Los Angeles, residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California at San Francisco, and a fellowship in regional anesthesia at the University of Florida.

Joel Kaplan, MD  

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**Brian P Lemkuil, MD**
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

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

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**Gerard Manecke, MD**
Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

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

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**Albert Y. Leung, MD**
Anesthesiologist and Pain Management Specialist
Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialties:**
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

**Add'l Languages:**
Cantonese, Mandarin

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

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035

**Bio:**
Albert Y. Leung, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Leung has over 20 years’ experience caring for people with chronic pain, and offers a range of interventional and minimally invasive procedures, as well as medication management.

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**Timothy M Maus, MD**
Associate Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

William J. Mazzei, MD
Medical Director, Peri-Operative Services
Clinical Professor
Vice Chairman, Technology Development

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: Dr. Mazzei may be contacted at (619)543-5754

Sidney K. Merritt, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: French
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California San Diego (2001 - present)

Mark Mitchell, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency,

Liem Nguyen, MD
Staff Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Hemal Patel, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Gregory R. Polston, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology
Specialties: Pain Management, Anesthesiology
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800
Bio: Gregory R. Polston, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. His expertise includes chronic pain, postoperative pain, cancer pain and spine-related pain.

Pariza Rahman, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Luis M. Rivera, MD, MSEE
Clinical Instructor
Faculty Physician
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Spanish
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio: Dr. Rivera's goal is to make the anesthesia process a safe and pleasant one by combining techniques and tailoring the anesthetic to each individual patient.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Steve Rossi, MD

Specialty: Anesthesiology

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

David M Roth, MD, PhD
Associate Professor

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Ramon Sanchez, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Navparkash S. Sandhu, MD
Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Add'l Languages: Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Gerhard Schulteis, MD

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Robin Seaberg, MD
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA
Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

Bio:
Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA, is a board-certified anesthesiologist with subspecialty training in critical care and neurosurgical anesthesia. He oversees anesthesia care for UC San Diego Health's acoustic neuroma program.

Linda Sorkin, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Preetham J. Suresh, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Education Director

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Shiley Eye Institute

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

Bio:
Dr. Suresh completed his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. He then worked as a private practice anesthesiologist at Alta Bates Summit Hospital where he was a partner in the East Bay Anesthesia Medical Group. While there, he specialized in acute pain management, regional anesthesia for orthopedic surgery and high risk obstetric anesthesia.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Mark Steven Wallace, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Chair, Division of Pain Medicine

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Mark Wallace, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, though most of his patients are affected by chronic pain.

Ruth S. Waterman, MD
Anesthesiologist
Interim Chair of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ruth Waterman, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She provides anesthesia for patients undergoing surgical or therapeutic procedures while monitoring the patient’s condition and supporting vital organ functions. As an anesthesiologist, she also diagnoses and treats both acute and chronic pain, as well as provides medical management for patients with critical illnesses and severe injuries.

Lawrence Weinstein, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Erik Kistler, MD

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

Daniel Edward Lee, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist and Pediatric Intensivist
Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics

**Specialties:**
Anesthesiology, Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Daniel E. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist and pediatrician who provides critical care services and anesthesia for children admitted to UC San Diego Health's [Regional Burn Center](#), the only burn center in San Diego and Imperial Counties. He also provides anesthesia for patients of all ages at UC San Diego Health hospitals in Hillcrest and La Jolla, and at Rady Children's Hospital.

Angela Meier, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
German

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

Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6240

**Bio:**
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Beverly J. Newhouse, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Albert Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Kimberly S Robbins, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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

Hospital medicine is concerned with the medical care of acutely ill inpatients. Learn more about [hospital medicine](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

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**Ali Amirrezvani, MD**
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Hospital Medicine

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

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

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

**Bio:**
Ali Amirrezvani, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Amirrezvani is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's hospital discharge, Dr. Amirrezvani communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

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**Deepak Asudani, MBBS**
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Hospital Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

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

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

**Bio:**
Deepak Asudani, MBBS, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Asudani is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's hospital discharge, Dr. Asudani communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Jaswinder P. Bajwa, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jaswinder Bajwa, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bajwa is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bajwa communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

John Frederick Bell, MD, MPH
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
John Bell, MD, MPH, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bell is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bell communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Jessica G. Bazick, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Jessica Bazick, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bazick is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s hospital discharge, Dr. Bazick communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Daniel Bouland, MD, FACP
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Daniel Bouland, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Bouland is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Bouland communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Brian Clay, MD
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Brian Clay, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Clay is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Clay communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Robert El-Kareh, MD, MPH
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Robert El-Kareh, MD, MPH, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. El-Kareh is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. El-Kareh communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Michele DeKorte, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Michele DeKorte, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. DeKorte is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. DeKorte communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Nikhil R. Gandhi, MD, FACP
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Nikhil Gandhi, MD, FACP, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Gandhi is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Gandhi communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Sarah Horman, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Sarah Horman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Horman is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Horman communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Bryan Huang, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Bryan Huang, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Huang is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Huang communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Ian Jenkins, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Ian Jenkins, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Jenkins is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Jenkins communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

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.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Michael Montazeri, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Michael Montazeri, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Montazeri is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Montazeri communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Pedro Ramos, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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Bio:
Pedro Ramos, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Ramos is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Ramos communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Jennifer Quartarolo, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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Bio:
Jennifer Quartarolo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Quartarolo is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Quartarolo communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Reid Sasaki, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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Bio:
Reid Sasaki, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Sasaki is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Sasaki communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Meghan Sebasky, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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Contact:
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Bio:
Meghan Sebasky, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Sebasky is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Sebasky communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Gregory B. Seymann, MD
Hospitalist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
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Bio:
Gregory Seymann, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Seymann is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Seymann communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Kenton O. Smitherman, MD
Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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Contact:
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Bio:
Kenton Smitherman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Smitherman is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Smitherman communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.

Natasha Surette, MD
Hospitalist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hospital Medicine

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

Bio:
Natasha Surette, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Surette is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. She does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient’s discharge, Dr. Surette communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
Hospital Medicine (cont.)

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP  
Medical Director, Emergency Department  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine  
**Add'l Language:**  
Gujarati

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800  
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600  
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

**Bio:**  
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Jay Varughese, MD  
Hospitalist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Hospital Medicine

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**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Jay Varughese, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. As a hospitalist, Dr. Varughese is assigned to patients at the time of admission and provides care only during their hospital stay. He does not see patients at outpatient clinics and is not available for appointments. Upon a patient's discharge, Dr. Varughese communicates with their regular physician to ensure quality care.
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