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  La Jolla, CA 92037

- **La Jolla Urgent Care**  
  8910 Villa La Jolla Drive  
  La Jolla, CA 92037

## Orthopedics Urgent Care Sports Medicine
- 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

## 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
- **Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care**  
  16950 Via Tazon  
  San Diego, CA 92127

## Encinitas
- **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

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- 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

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- 959 Lane Avenue  
  Chula Vista, CA 91914

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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.

**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

**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.)

**Jonathan Benumof, MD**  
Professor  

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

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

**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**  
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology  

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology  

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

**Bio:**  
UC San Diego Health Links

**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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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

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

John Cornell Drummond, MD
Professor of Anesthesiology
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Byron Douglas Fergerson, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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.

Timothy Furnish, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant 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:
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.

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

Bio:

Brian P Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

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

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Gerard Manecke, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Timothy M Maus, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

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)
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

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

**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.

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:**
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**Pariza Rahman, MD**

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

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

**Steve Rossi, 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.

**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
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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

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

Gerhard Schulteis, MD

Specialty:  
Anesthesiology

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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.

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Lawrence Weinstein, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Anesthesiology - Critical Care

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.
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Angela Meier, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Add'l Language:
German

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

Anishirvan 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

Bio:
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine

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
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Kimberly S Robbins, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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