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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.

Anesthesiology (cont.)

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.
**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."

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**Alyssa Brittany Brzenski, MD**  
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology  

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology  

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
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**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
Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Add'l Language:
Mandarin

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

Bio:

Ching-Rong Cheng, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Add'l Language:
Chinese

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

John Cornell Drummond, MD
Professor of Anesthesiology

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.
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.

Byron Douglas Fergerson, MD

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Contact:**
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Timothy Furnish, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialties:**
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**
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**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.
Mark Greenberg, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

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

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD
Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Contact:**
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Brian M. Ilfeld, MD
Anesthesiologist
Professor of Anesthesiology In Residence

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Contact:**
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**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:**
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Brian P Lemkuil, MD

**Neuroanesthesiologist**
**Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology**

**Specialty:** Anesthesiology

**Contact:**
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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:**
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**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.
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  

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William J. Mazzei, MD  
Medical Director, Perioperative 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

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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
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
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
Anesthesiologist
Associate Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio: