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La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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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 92039

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

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

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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

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

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

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

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6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

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

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910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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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

Jewsks 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

Jewsks 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
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

John Cornell Drummond, MD  
Professor of Anesthesiology  
Professor

**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

**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.

Brian P. Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Joel Kaplan, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Dr. Kaplan 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.

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

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

Timothy M Maus, MD  
Associate Clinical Professor  
Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

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.

Hemal Patel, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Liem Nguyen, MD
Staff Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.

Gregory R. Polston, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

 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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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.

Steve Rossi, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

David M Roth, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Ramon Sanchez, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
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

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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

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Gerhard Schulteis, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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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

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

Erik Kistler, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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

Anesthesiology - Critical Care

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

**Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD**
Anesthesiologist  
Associate Clinical Professor

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

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

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