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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.)

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.

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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

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.

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Joel Kaplan, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Brian P Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

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.

Gerard Manecke, MD
Clinical Professor
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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

*Specialty:* Anesthesiology

*Jacobs Medical Center*

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

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**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)

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**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

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**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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**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

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

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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:**
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Gerhard Schulteis, MD

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Contact:**
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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
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

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

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

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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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