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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 92037

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

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92033

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

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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

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.)

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:

Wendy Campana, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

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.

Ching-Rong Cheng, MD
Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Language: Chinese

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

Bio:

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.

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.)

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

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

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Joel Kaplan, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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.

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
Anesthesiology (cont.)

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)

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

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.
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.

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.

Pariza Rahman, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Steve Rossi, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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
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.

**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
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