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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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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.)

Richard Bellars, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

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."

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.

Alyssa Brittany Brzenski, MD

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**Wendy Campana, MD**

*Specialty:*
Anesthesiology

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

**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:*\nMandarin

*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
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**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

**Bio:**

**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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

**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.

**Joel Kaplan, MD**  

**Specialty:** Anesthesiology  

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

Brian P Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Gerard Manecke, MD
Clinical 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
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.

Timothy M Maus, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

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)

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

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

Hemal Patel, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Pariza Rahman, 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.

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.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Steve Rossi, MD
Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

David M Roth, MD, PhD
Associate Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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.)

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

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

Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD
Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

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  

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Kimberly S Robbins, MD  
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology  

Specialty:  
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Subspecialty:  
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