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Orthopedics

Orthopedics is the branch of medicine specializing in the treatment of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system including bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Learn more about orthopedics at UC San Diego Health.

Frank E. Chiarappa, MD
Orthopedic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Frank Chiarappa, MD, is an orthopedic oncologist who treats children and adults with cancerous and non-cancerous musculoskeletal tumors. This includes soft tissue sarcoma and primary bone tumors such as osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma and giant cell tumors. He also treats patients with cancer that has spread to the bone from other primary sites such as the breast, lung, kidney or blood.

James H. Flint, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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Bio:
James H. Flint, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating benign and malignant soft-tissue and bone tumors, including sarcoma. He treats adults and young adults over the age of 15.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

James N. Hamilton, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Bio:
James Hamilton, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who cares for people with orthopedic injuries and conditions, including those with arthritis of the hip and knee and people with failed hip and knee replacements. He assists in performing a variety of procedures, including hip replacement, hip resurfacing, total and partial knee replacement, and revision arthroplasty of the hip and knee. Mr. Hamilton also works with patients to develop personalized treatment plans that fulfill their physical activity and lifestyle goals.
Orthopedics (cont.)

**Paymaneh (Pam) Sabet, DPM**  
Podiatrist and Wound Care Specialist

**Specialties:**  
Podiatry, Orthopedics

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**  
**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5969

**Bio:**  
Pam Sabet, DPM, is a podiatrist who specializes in foot and ankle surgery and wound care. Podiatrists, also referred to as foot doctors or podiatric physicians, are specialists who diagnose and treat all conditions of the feet, ankles and legs. Their care also focuses on how the health of these structures impact the rest of the body. Dr. Sabet’s expertise includes treating foot and ankle diseases and their causes, reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, and wound care for diabetic foot ulcers.

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**Natalie Voskanian, MD**  
Sports Medicine Physician  
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Armenian, Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**  
Natalie Voskanian, MD, is a board-certified sports medicine physician with expertise in the nonsurgical treatment of sports-related injuries and musculoskeletal conditions, including sprains, ligament injuries, tendonitis and overuse injuries such as runner’s knee and iliotibial band (ITB) syndrome. She specializes in returning athletes and patients back to their sports and activities after an injury. She has experience taking care of athletes at all levels, including professional and Olympic levels as well as collegiate, high school, and recreational.
Orthopedics - Foot & Ankle

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

- **Specialties:** Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
- **Subspecialties:** Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

Andrew Denevan, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

- **Specialty:** Orthopedics
- **Subspecialties:** Foot & Ankle, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Andrew Denevan, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works with the Foot and Ankle Division in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. His areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative care. Mr. Denevan is experienced in recommending appropriate custom orthotics and braces, and providing footwear recommendations. He also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where he assists in the care of student athletes.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

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La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams’ expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren’s contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine
Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Bryan T. Leek, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Bryan Leek, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating sports and upper extremity injuries, including arthroscopy and reconstruction of the knee, shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. He has a particular interest in treating shoulder injuries, performing arthroscopic and open techniques in repair and reconstruction. He performs both anatomic and reverse shoulder arthroplasty. He treats traumatic, overuse, and degenerative injuries, including arthritis of both the upper and lower extremity. Dr. Leek is trained in microscopic and minimally invasive surgical techniques involving the hand and upper extremity.

Matthew Meunier, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

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Bio:
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region’s top hand injury experts and an associate team physician for the San Diego Padres. He was a consultant physician for the San Diego Chargers.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Rheumatology, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

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Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Additional Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Additional Languages:
Spanish, Tamil

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Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Joint
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Francis Gonzales, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult hip and knee joint replacement surgery.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.

Christina V. Harris, MPA, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Joint, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Christina V. Harris, MPA, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works in orthopedic oncology (bone cancer) and joint reconstructions. In this capacity, she assists with preoperative and postoperative care of orthopedic patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She also educates patients on orthopedic oncology management as well as hip and knee reconstructions.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

William T. Kent, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Language:
Spanish
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
William Kent, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma (cont.)

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD  
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma  
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Surgery  
**Subspecialty:** Orthopedic Trauma  
**Add'l Languages:** German, Spanish

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Orthopedics - Spine

Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, is board-certified orthopedic surgeon with expertise in complex adult reconstruction procedures for deformity/scoliosis and tumors. He specializes in complex disorders of the upper cervical spine, including tumors and degenerative or post-traumatic conditions.

Steven Robert Garfin, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Interim Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Steven Garfin, MD, is a board-certified and internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon specializing in the adult spine. He has been consistently elected as a top doctor in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.

Haewon Lee, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Language:
Korean

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Haewon Lee, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in treating spine disorders, and nonsurgical treatment for neck and back pain. Her practice focuses on helping people return to the activities they enjoy and improving their quality of life. She has a special interest in treating patients with cancer-related impairments.
Orthopedics - Spine (cont.)

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

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Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams' expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren's contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

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Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Andrew Denevan, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

**Specialty:**
Orthopedics

**Subspecialties:**
Foot & Ankle, Sports Medicine

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La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Andrew Denevan, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works with the Foot and Ankle Division in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. His areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative care. Mr. Denevan is experienced in recommending appropriate custom orthotics and braces, and providing footwear recommendations. He also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where he assists in the care of student athletes.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
German, Spanish

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

**Matthew Meunier, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine  
**Subspecialties:**  
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

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**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region’s top hand injury experts and an associate team physician for the San Diego Padres. He was a consultant physician for the San Diego Chargers.

**Catherine M. Robertson, MD**  
Chief of Sports Medicine  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine  
**Subspecialties:**  
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**  
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Jacqueline (Jackie) Upton, MS, ATC, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Sports Medicine

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Jackie Upton, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) and certified athletic trainer (ATC) who cares for patients with orthopedic sports injuries. She is part of the multidisciplinary team that provides state-of-the-art care to athletes of all ages. Her areas of expertise include evaluating and treating acute and chronic sports injuries, as well as orchestrating pre and postoperative patient care. She also provides support to the Sports Medicine Program at UC San Diego Health, where she assists in the care of high school and collegiate athletes.

Kenneth Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Japanese

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Kenneth Vitale, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in sports medicine and sports nutrition. As a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (also known as a physiatrist), Dr. Vitale’s expertise is in guiding individuals with orthopedic conditions through a variety of nonsurgical treatment options.
Rheumatology

Rheumatology is a medical specialization concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic disease; diseases which are usually caused by inflammation, swelling and pain in the joints and muscles. Learn more about rheumatology at UC San Diego Health.

Harry Bluestein, MD
Rheumatologist

Specialty:
Rheumatology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Dr. Bluestein's research interests included the identification and characterization of cell membrane molecules that serve as targets of SLE antibodies and on the role of those antibodies in the pathogenesis of SLE, particularly the neuropsychiatric manifestations. He is now retired as a researcher.

Arnold Ceponis, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Arnold Ceponis, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist with clinical and research interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound. In addition to long-established methods of diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and systemic diseases, Dr. Ceponis uses in-office ultrasonography for diagnosis and ultrasound-guided injections of joints and other musculoskeletal structures.

Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma.

Soo-In Choi, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

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Bio:
Soo Choi, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout and lupus.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Gary S. Firestein, MD
Rheumatologist
Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research

Specialty:
Rheumatology

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Contact:
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Bio:
Gary Firestein, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats patients with autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones. These conditions may include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout, chronic back pain, tendinitis, and lupus.

Monica Guma, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Monica Guma, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis.

Mark Ginsberg, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Mark Ginsberg, MD is a rheumatologist with who diagnoses and treats chronic musculoskeletal and systemic autoimmune conditions. He offers nonsurgical treatment for diseases such as osteoarthritis, gout and rheumatoid arthritis.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Hepburn received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Kenneth Kalunian, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Dr. Kenneth Kalunian is the Associate Director of the Center for Innovative Therapy and also a Professor in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology in the School of Medicine at UC San Diego.

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Add'l Language:
Korean

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Professor of Medicine

Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Rheumatology, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.
Katherine Nguyen, MD  
Rheumatologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:** Rheumatology  
**Add'l Language:** Vietnamese

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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**  
Katherine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats general rheumatology conditions, with a special focus on treating the autoimmune diseases Sjögren’s syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Abha G. Singh, MD  
Rheumatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:** Rheumatology  
**Add'l Languages:** Hindi, Punjabi

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**Bio:**  
Abha Singh, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis, myositis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), vasculitis, gout, polymyalgia rheumatica, and osteoarthritis.

Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS  
Rheumatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:** Rheumatology  
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
**Encinitas - Garden View Road**

**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

**Bio:**  
Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS, is a board-certified rheumatologist. He diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus.

Chelsey Forbess Smith, MD  
Rheumatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:** Rheumatology  
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

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**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Chelsey Smith, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats patients with rheumatic diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, and other conditions.
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