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Obstetrics & Gynecology - Gynecologic Oncology

Gynecologic oncology is the medical specialty focusing on cancers of the female reproductive system, including ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, vaginal cancer, cervical cancer, and vulvar cancer. Learn more about gynecologic cancers at UC San Diego Health.

Pratibha S. Binder, MD
Gynecologic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Urdu

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Pratibha Binder, MD, is a gynecologic oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating female reproductive system cancers, including ovarian, uterine, cervical, endometrial, vulvar and vaginal cancer. Her expertise also includes surgical management of these cancers.

Ramez N. Eskander, MD
Gynecologic Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Arabic, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Ramez Eskander, MD, is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist who specializes in the surgical management of female reproductive system cancers, including ovarian, uterine, cervical, vulvar and vaginal cancer. His expertise includes diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, including minimally invasive (robotic) surgery, chemotherapy and novel drugs. Dr. Eskander is also experienced in clinical trial development and aims to provide individuals with access to innovative medicines during their treatment.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - Gynecologic Oncology (cont.)

Michael McHale, MD
Division Chief, Gynecologic Oncology Services
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100

Bio:
Michael McHale, MD, is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating cancers related to women's reproductive organs. He also serves as surgical director of perioperative services at UC San Diego Health, where he oversees clinical operations across all perioperative sites and network affiliates. In this role, Dr. McHale focuses on providing positive patient experiences and developing a world-class surgical environment at UC San Diego Health.

Steven Plaxe, MD
Director, Gynecologic Oncology
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Dr. Plaxe is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of the American College of Surgeons. He is Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology. He is a member of the Cancer Prevention and Control Committee of the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) and is Principal Investigator at UC San Diego for Gynecologic Oncology Group studies.
Cheryl C. Saenz, MD
Gynecologic Oncologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Cheryl Saenz, MD, is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist. She specializes in the preventive and treatment aspects of gynecologic cancer care. Dr. Saenz is also dedicated to educating women who are at risk for these types of cancers, which include cancers of the cervix, uterus, ovaries and fallopian tubes.
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