UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America's Top Doctors and *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

**Patient Access**

**Request an Appointment**
Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

- **New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)**
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call **800-926-8273**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- **Find a Doctor**
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: [doctors.ucsd.edu](http://doctors.ucsd.edu).

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Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, diseases and pathology of the stomach and the intestines — including digestive diseases. Learn more about gastroenterology at UC San Diego Health System.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

**Subspecialty:**
Liver Transplantation

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Naveen Gara, MBBS
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology

**Add'l Languages:**
Hindi, Telugu

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Naveen Gara, MBBS, is a hepatologist who cares for patients with hepatitis C, hepatitis B, fatty liver disease, alcoholic liver disease, autoimmune liver diseases, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, and cirrhosis. He has expertise in performing endoscopic procedures to diagnose and treat digestive diseases.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Tamil

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Yuko Kono, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Temecula Parkway

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. He has expertise in performing lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Gastroenterology (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.

Gastroenterology - Celiac Disease

Sheila Eileen Crowe, MD
Gastroenterologist
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Celiac Disease, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Sheila Crowe, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a special interest in caring for those with celiac disease, food allergies, and many forms of food intolerances, including non-celiac gluten sensitivity.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.

Nedret Copur-Dahi, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language:
Turkish

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Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Sheila Eileen Crowe, MD
Gastroenterologist
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
Celiac Disease, General Gastroenterology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Bio:
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Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Michael Docherty, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Gastroenterology  

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**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Dr. Docherty specializes in the management of patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He trained in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology  
**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Samir Gupta, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

**Add'l Language:**
Hindi

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Mary Lee Krinsky, DO  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist  
Specialty:  
Gastroenterology  
Subspecialties:  
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347  
Bio:  
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist  
Specialty:  
Gastroenterology  
Subspecialties:  
General Gastroenterology, GI Motility  
Add'l Language:  
Hindi  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347  
Bio:  
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego's GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett's esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - General Gastroenterology (cont.)

Derek Raman Patel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
"I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."

William Jeffery Sandborn, MD
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at UC San Diego Health.

Jesus Rivera-Nieves, MD

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
General Gastroenterology
Add'l Language:
Persian

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347
Fax: (858) 657-6881

Bio:
Amir Zarrinpar, MD, PhD, is a board-certified general gastroenterologist with a particular interest in obesity and metabolism.
Gastroenterology - GI Cancer

Gobind S. Anand, MD
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

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**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Gobind Anand, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in complex endoscopic procedures for disorders of the digestive tract. These include esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett’s esophagus, and endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.
Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**Add'l Languages:**  
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
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Samir Gupta, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
GI Cancer, General Gastroenterology

**Add'l Language:**  
Hindi

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

**Bio:**  
Samir Gupta, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology and in particular, colorectal cancer screening and prevention. He has specific expertise in the evaluation and management of individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer, including individuals with family cancer syndromes such as Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis.
Mary Lee Krinsky, DO
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
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Wilson Kwong, MD
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Wilson Kwong, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in treating pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Kwong’s expertise also includes performing complex endoscopic procedures.

Thomas John Savides, MD
Gastroenterologist
Chief Experience Officer
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

Bio:
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health's EUS program, which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett's esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
Gastroenterology - GI Motility

David C. Kunkel, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Subspecialty: GI Motility
Add'l Language: Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
David C. Kunkel, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal motility disorders, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), swallowing disorders, gastroparesis, bloating and overgrowth syndromes, diarrhea, fecal incontinence and constipation.

Ravinder K. Mittal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterologist

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Subspecialties: General Gastroenterology, GI Motility
Add'l Language: Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Ravinder Mittal, MD, is a board certified gastroenterologist with specialized training in gastrointestinal motility. Dr. Mittal leads UC San Diego's GI motility and physiology program. He focuses his practice on the accurate diagnosis and treatment of achalasia, Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal diverticula, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, nutcracker esophagus, diffuse esophageal spasm, gastroparesis, idiopathic vomiting, rapid gastric emptying, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and fecal incontinence.
Gastroenterology - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Derek Raman Patel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Clinical Services Chief, Hillcrest

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, General Gastroenterology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
"I strive to deliver care in a manner that is state-of-the-art and evidence-based yet personalized and compassionate."

Siddharth Singh, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialty:
Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7423

Bio:
Siddharth Singh, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats diseases of the digestive system. This includes conditions or symptoms that affect the esophagus, stomach, bowels, liver and gallbladder. Dr. Singh’s expertise is in caring for patients with inflammatory bowel diseases, including Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and microscopic colitis.

William Jeffery Sandborn, MD
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Bio:
William Sandborn, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who is one of the world's top experts in the management of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. He directs the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at UC San Diego Health.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

Gobind S. Anand, MD
Gastroenterologist

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Gobind Anand, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in complex endoscopic procedures for disorders of the digestive tract. These include esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett's oesophagus, and endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

Michael A. Chang, MD
Gastroenterologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology
Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Michael A. Chang, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in hepatobiliary (liver, gallbladder and bile ducts) disorders and pancreatic diseases. He has expertise in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound, polypectomy, endoscopic mucosal resection of polyps/lesions, and endoscopic management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including luminal and biliary stenting.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)

Syed M Abbas Fehmi, MD
Gastroenterologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Syed Fehmi, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of endoscopy. He also has expertise in complex procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided needle biopsy. He works closely with community physicians and cancer physicians at UC San Diego Health for early and advanced cancer diagnosis, staging and management/treatment with endoscopic ultrasound, needle biopsy and injections, placement of chemotherapeutic agents into cancer, placement of markers for radiation, early cancer endoscopic resection to prevent surgery, and stent placements to relieve blockages.

Denise Kalmaz, MD
Gastroenterologist
Director of Small Bowel Endoscopy
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Subspecialties:
General Gastroenterology, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Denise Kalmaz, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with expertise in general gastroenterology, along with a special interest in the evaluation of the small intestine. She directs UC San Diego Health's small bowel endoscopy program, performing capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, and double balloon enteroscopy. These procedures aid in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel tumors, and inflammatory bowel disease. As one of the few local gastroenterologists who performs balloon enteroscopy, Dr. Kalmaz sees referral patients from all over southern California.
Gastroenterology - Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts (cont.)

Mary Lee Krinsky, DO  
Professor of Medicine  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
General Gastroenterology, GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

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**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Dr. Krinsky is a renowned expert in therapeutic endoscopy with a primary clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer staging and pancreatic and biliary disease. Dr. Krinsky joined UCSD in 1999 after spending 2 years as a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, clinical gastroenterologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Director of Endoscopy at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center.

Wilson Kwong, MD  
Gastroenterologist

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
GI Cancer, Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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**Bio:**  
Wilson Kwong, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in treating pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Kwong’s expertise also includes performing complex endoscopic procedures.

Thomas John Savides, MD  
Gastroenterologist  
Chief Experience Officer  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Gastroenterology

**Subspecialties:**  
Interventional Endoscopy / Pancreas & Bile Ducts, GI Cancer

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6882

**Bio:**  
Thomas J. Savides, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. He is a nationally recognized expert in endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and therapeutic endoscopy (ERCP, double balloon enteroscopy). He founded and is the director of UC San Diego Health’s EUS program, which is now one of the premier programs in the U.S. for diagnosis and staging of GI, pancreatic, and lung cancer. He is a community referral specialist for advanced pancreatico-biliary endoscopic procedures (ERCP), GI oncology, Barrett’s esophagus, GI bleeding, and difficult polyp removal.
Pain Management

Pain management is the pharmacological, nonpharmacological and other treatment to prevent, reduce, or stop pain. Learn more about pain management 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.

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.
Pain Management (cont.)

Lynette Cederquist, MD
Professor of Medicine
Pain Management Specialist

Specialties:
Internal Medicine, Pain Management

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000

Bio:
Lynette Cederquist, MD, is a hospice and palliative medicine specialist who helps relieve suffering in people with life-limiting and advanced illnesses. As a provider of palliative care, she aims to optimize comfort and quality of life while addressing the psychological, social, and spiritual concerns of patients and their families. Dr. Cedequist currently only sees patients with chronic pain who have been referred to her by internists at UC San Diego Health.

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.

Jeffrey Chen, MD, MHS
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Jeffrey L. Chen, MD, MHS, MS, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation and pain management physician. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Chen evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain. His expertise includes conservative treatment of low back and neck pain, non-surgical orthopedic conditions and sports injuries. He is the director of Regenerative Pain Medicine and the associate program director for the Pain Medicine Fellowship at UC San Diego School of Medicine.
Pain Management (cont.)

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
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Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.

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.

Imanuel Lerman, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Headache

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Imanuel Lerman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Lerman evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, including acute, chronic and cancer pain. He has extensive experience in ultrasound guidance for interventional pain procedures and interventional headache treatment, teaching and speaking nationally on these subjects.
Pain Management (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.

Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD  
Pain Management Specialist and Headache Neurologist  
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:  
Pain Management, Neurology  
Subspecialty:  
Headache

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:  
Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and pain and headache specialist. He sees people with all types of chronic pain, with a special focus on spine pain and headache.

Gregory R. Polston, MD  
Pain Management Specialist  
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:  
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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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.

Mark Steven Wallace, MD  
Pain Management Specialist  
Chair, Division of Pain Medicine

Specialties:  
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:  
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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.
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