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Nutrition Counseling

Nutrition Counseling is a process in which a registered dietician works with an individual to assess his or her dietary intake and identify areas where change is needed based upon medical and/or individual needs.

Heather Diamond, RD, CNSC
Registered Dietitian

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Heather Diamond, CNSC, is a registered dietitian who provides individualized nutrition intervention and education for people with cancer. As part of the multidisciplinary team at UC San Diego Health's Moores Cancer Center, she works closely with patients to implement strategies to manage their nutrition before, during and after treatment.

Elena Musser, MPH, RD, CNSC, CSRN
Registered Dietitian

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
Elena Musser, MPH, CNSC, CSRN, is a registered dietitian who provides medical nutrition therapy and counsels people with kidney, bariatric and diabetic issues on eating habits to improve health and treat diseases.

Kelli Gray-Meisner, RDN
Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Kelli Gray-Meisner, RDN, is a registered dietitian nutritionist who specializes in helping individuals with gastrointestinal conditions, including irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, celiac disease, and functional gut disorders. She has expertise in integrative and functional principles, with an emphasis on a whole foods based diet and biologically appropriate lifestyle.

Gloria (Patricia) Rubio, MS, RD, CNSC
Registered Dietitian

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Patricia Rubio, MS, CNSC, is a registered dietitian who counsels people on their eating habits to improve health and help treat diseases. She provides nutrition education as well as medical nutrition therapy for individuals with chronic illnesses such as cancer. Ms. Rubio is part of the multidisciplinary head and neck cancer team at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, where she works closely with patients to implement strategies to help manage their side effects during different stages of treatment.
Nutrition Counseling (cont.)

Carla Salcedo, BS, RD
Registered Dietitian

Specialty:
Nutrition Counseling

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0420

Bio:
Carla Salcedo, BS, CDE, is a registered dietitian who counsels people on their eating habits to improve health and help treat diseases. She provides nutrition education and medical nutrition therapy.

Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease.

Elizabeth S. Allen, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Elizabeth Allen, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in transfusion medicine, a subspecialty of pathology, encompassing blood donation, transfusion practices, stem cell collections and cellular therapy.

H. Elizabeth Broome, MD
Director, Clinical Hematology Laboratory
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Broome has a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT and a MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After finishing a residency in Clinical Pathology and a fellowship in Hematopathology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, She became certified in Clinical Pathology with a specialty certification in Hematology from the American Board of Pathology.
Pathology (cont.)

Jack Bui, MD, PhD  
Pathologist  
Associate Professor of Pathology

Specialties:  
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:  
Jack Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist with expertise in tumor immunology and immune function tests. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to diagnosis diseases and define their extent. Dr. Bui interfaces between the cancer research and immunology programs.

Oluwole Fadare, MD  
Pathologist  
Professor of Pathology

Specialties:  
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:  
Oluwole Fadare, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in gynecologic and breast cancers. As a pathologist, he studies cells and tissues from biopsies and excisions to provide a definitive diagnosis of disease and define their extent.

Brian Datnow, MD  
Professor

Specialty:  
Pathology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Brian Datnow graduated in medicine from the University of Witwaterstrand School of Medicine in 1970 and completed his internship in surgery (6 months) and medicine (6 months), at Johannesburg General Hospital in 1971.

Steven L. Gonias, MD, PhD  
Chief of Pathology  
Professor and Chair

Specialty:  
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:  
Dr. Gonias is a highly respected clinical pathologist with expertise in the laboratory diagnosis of thrombosis and bleeding disorders. As a researcher, Dr. Gonias focuses on cancer and vascular biology, as well as Alzheimer's disease.
Lawrence A. Hansen, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Neurosciences  

**Specialty:**  
Pathology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772  

**Bio:**  
Lawrence A. Hansen received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English  
Literature in 1974 from North Central College in Naperville IL. He was  
granted a Medical Degree in 1977 from Loyola University Stritch School of  
Medicine in Maywood, IL. Following an internship in Psychiatry at Loyola in  
Maywood, Dr. Hansen spent 4 years in combined Anatomic and Clinical  
pathology training, also at Loyola. He followed this with 3 years of  
Neuropathology residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and then  
gone to UC San Diego for a two year fellowship in Geriatric Neuropathology  
and Dementia. After an additional year of surgical pathology fellowship at  
William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, Dr. Hansen joined the  
faculty at UC San Diego School of Medicine in the Departments of  
Neurosciences and Pathology in 1988.

Michael J. Kelner, MD  
Director, Clinical Chemistry & Toxicology Laboratory  
Professor  

**Specialty:**  
Pathology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772  

**Bio:**  
Dr. Kelner received his MD from the University of Minnesota in 1981. He  
completed a rotating internship at UCSF and matriculated into the Straight  
Laboratory Medicine (Clinical Pathology) residency at UCSD in 1982. He  
served as Chief Resident in Clinical Pathology from 1984-85, and was  
awarded the David Jay Epstein Memorial Award for Research Excellence  
y a Pathology Resident in 1985. He was also honored with Young  
Investigator Awards from the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians  
and Scientists for three consecutive years. He was board certified in 1985  
in both Clinical and Chemical Pathology.

Farnaz Hasteh, MD  
Assistant Clinical Professor  

**Specialty:**  
Pathology  

**Add'l Language:**  
Persian  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

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

**Bio:**  
Dr. Hasteh received her medical degree in 1995 from Iran University of  
Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. She completed her pathology residency  
(AP-CP) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, where she  
was the chief resident in pathology (2002-2003), teaching and directing  
residents.

Dzung T. Le, MD, PhD  
Director of the Coagulation Laboratory, Associate Director  
of the Clinical Hematology Laboratory, Associate Director  
of Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine  
Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology  

**Specialty:**  
Pathology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  

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

Grace Y. Lin, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Lin received her BS from UC San Diego, and then entered the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern University. In 2000, she completed her PhD in the laboratory of Dr. Robert A. Lamb studying the V protein of the paramyxovirus simian virus 5. She completed her MD in 2002. She then completed her pathology residency (AP and CP) at UC San Diego Medical Center where she was chief resident in 2004-2005, and then also completed fellowships in surgical pathology in 2005-2006 and placental pathology in 2006-2007.

Eliezer Masliah, MD
Director of Autopsy Service
Professor of Neurosciences and Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

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

Bio:

Ronald W. McLawhon, MD, PhD
Director, Clinical Laboratories; Division Chief, Laboratory Medicine
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5685

Bio:
Dr. McLawhon received his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Chicago and his MD from Rush Medical College. After receiving his PhD, he served briefly as a Research Associate in Pediatrics at the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Mental Retardation Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Dr. Lin received his PhD in Neuroscience and his Doctor of Medicine in 2001, both from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.
Pathology (cont.)

Mana Parast, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Please contact me with any questions regarding gynecologic and perinatal pathology.

David Pride, MD, PhD

Specialties:
Pathology, Infectious Diseases

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

Bio:
Our laboratory focuses on the role that microbial communities play in human homeostasis, health and disease. We firmly believe that the various microbial components of human ecosystems including bacteria, viruses, archaea, and fungi are important factors that help determine the natural history of their hosts. Furthermore, their interactions with humans or their interactions with other microbial constituents in these communities likely have consequences for human health.

Henry C. Powell, MD, DSc
Chief of Neuropathology
Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Dr. Powell received his doctorate of medicine from the University College (Dublin, Ireland) in 1970. He completed a rotating internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital, affiliated with Jefferson Medical School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) during 1970-71. He completed a residency in Combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at UC San Diego (1971-75) and a Chief Residency in Neuropathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (1975-76).

Andres Roma, MD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Andres Roma, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate diseases and define their extent. Dr. Roma has a special interest in gynecological pathology, with a focus on genitourinary pathology, breast tumors, and soft tissue/sarcoma lesions.
Pathology (cont.)

Ahmed S. Shabaik, MD
Attending physician
Professor

Specialty:
Pathology
Add'l Language:
Arabic

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Dr. Shabaik is Clinical Professor of Pathology. He received his Medical Degree from The Cairo University Faculty of Medicine in Egypt. After finishing a year of rotating internship, Dr. Shabaik moved to the United States where he finished a year of straight surgical internship and AP/CP pathology residency training. Following residency Dr. Shabaik was a Fellow in Anatomic Pathology at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and then a Fellow in Cytopathology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute of the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr. Shabaik is certified by the American Board of Pathology in AP, CP and Cytopathology. Dr. Shabaik was Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of South Florida before he joined UCSD in 1992.

Ann M. Ponsford Tipps, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6772

Bio:
Dr. Tipps is a California native, educated at Pomona College, Claremont, CA (B.A. in Chemistry/Zoology). She received her M.D. at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA, and completed her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency also at VCU/MCV. Upon completion of residency training, she returned to California where she was in private practice in a private pathology laboratory and medical director at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories; and practiced anatomic and clinical pathology at Palomar Medical Center, Pomerado Hospital, and Tri-City Medical Center. She began practicing at UCSD in the Dept. of Pathology in late 2000, and joined the faculty in 2001 as an Associate Clinical Professor.

Mark A. Valasek, MD, PhD
Pathologist
Associate Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Mark Valasek, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system, liver, and pancreas. He studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate these diseases and define their extent.
Pathology (cont.)

Vera Vavinskaya, MD
Pathologist
Assistant Professor of Pathology

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5327

Bio:
Vera Vavinskaya, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who studies cells and tissues from biopsies or surgical specimens to investigate diseases and define their extent. She specializes in diagnosing diseases related to the gastrointestinal system and liver. She also has expertise in studying diseases on the cellular level (cytopathology).
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