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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**

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HIV/AIDS

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which kills or impairs cells of the immune system and progressively destroys the body’s ability to fight infections and certain cancers. Learn more about HIV/AIDS Care at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Constance A Benson, MD
Senior Attending Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Dr. Benson is Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Benson received her MD degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1978, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical College in Chicago in 1986, after serving three years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as an internist.

Jennifer (Gigi) Blanchard, MD
Associate Clinical Professor, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Ronald J. Ellis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in adult neurological diagnosis and treatment for patients with HIV or AIDS. He is the only specialist in the neurology of HIV/AIDS in the San Diego area and also receives referrals from throughout California.

Edward R. Cachay, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Ankita Kadakia, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Gujarati, Hindi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ankita Kadakia, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine and infectious disease physician. She provides primary care, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases for adults with HIV and AIDS. Dr. Kadakia cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Maile Young Karris, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
HIV/AIDS Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

Daniel Lee, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Dr. Daniel Lee is one of several physicians working at the Owen Clinic, providing specialized health care to those infected with HIV. Along with his board certification in Internal Medicine, the American Academy of HIV Medicine also credentials Dr. Lee as a HIV specialist. He established the Lipid/ Lipodystrophy Clinic to address the issues of long term metabolic complications often associated with therapies for HIV. In addition, he also performs research in these areas.

Theodoros F. Katsivas, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Greek, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Dr. Theo Katsivas is trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He also trained as a Fellow in HIV disease at the UC San Diego Owen Clinic. His interests focus on HIV patient care and addiction medicine.

Scott Letendre, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Scott Letendre, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs. He also provides consultation and care for patients staying in the hospital for infectious diseases.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Cathy Logan, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Cathy Logan, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.

Joseph Lonergan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Joseph Lonergan, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who provides primary care and specialized HIV care to people living with HIV/AIDS. He also sees patients at risk for HIV infection who are interested in pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Dr. Lonergan is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women, and has been caring for patients at the Owen Clinic for more than 20 years.

William Christopher Mathews, MD
Director of Research Infrastructure, Owen Clinic
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Since the onset of the AIDS epidemic, Dr. Mathews has served on many local, state, and national committees which address legal, political, and medical issues in HIV infection. His appointments include founding president of the San Diego Association of Human Rights, the local organization of gay and lesbian physicians, as well as memberships on the San Diego Regional Task Force on AIDS, The Ryan White Act Planning Council, the San Diego County Medical Society AIDS committee, the State of California Attorney General's AIDS Fraud Task Force, the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation AIDS Health Services Program, and the American Association of Medical College's Committee on AIDS and the Academic Medical Center.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Erin Reid, MD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Fax: (858) 822-6212
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Erin Reid, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with a wide range of hematologic and HIV-related malignancies, including lymphoma and Kaposi sarcoma. She sees patients at both Moores Cancer Center and the Owen Clinic, a comprehensive HIV care center.

Francesca Torriani, MD
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS
Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.

Gabriel A. Wagner, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Gabriel Wagner, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for adults with HIV and AIDS. He treats individuals at all stages of HIV disease and helps monitor and manage their health.
**HIV/AIDS (cont.)**

**Darcy A. Wooten, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Infectious Disease Specialist

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

**David L. Wyles, MD**  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
Pathology

Pathology is the study of the nature, origin, cause and progress of a disease. Learn more about pathology at UC San Diego Health System.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Pathology (cont.)

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.

Donna E. Hansel, MD, PhD
Pathologist
Professor of Pathology

Specialties:
Pathology, Cancer

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Donna Hansel, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pathologist and internationally recognized leader in genitourinary pathology. As a pathologist, she studies cells and tissues from biopsies to provide a definitive diagnosis of disease. Dr. Hansel often works with oncologists to develop treatment recommendations for patients. Dr. Hansel has a special interest in urologic cancer care treatment, including bladder cancer, adrenal cancer, kidney cancer, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

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: (619) 543-5966

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: (619) 534-6212

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 went 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.
Pathology (cont.)

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

Grace Y. Lin, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pathology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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.

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: (619) 543-5966

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 by 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.
Pathology (cont.)

Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD

Specialty:
Pathology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-2743

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

Eliezer Masliah, MD

Director of Autopsy Service
Professor of Neurosciences and Pathology

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.

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.
Pathology (cont.)

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

Specialty:
Pathology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7292

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).

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.

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: (619) 543-5764

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.
Pathology (cont.)

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: (619) 543-5764

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/VCV. 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.
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