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Radiation Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:  
Urologic Cancer, Lung Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Chula Vista - Lane Avenue
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 502-7730

Bio:  
Sunil J. Advani, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who treats a diversity of malignancies, focusing on prostate, lung and melanoma/skin cancers.

Anjali Bharne, MD  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road  
Vista - Sycamore Avenue
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:  
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialty:  
Lung Cancer
Add'l Language:  
Russian

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

Bio:  
Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. Her clinical practice is devoted to patients with all types of lung cancer, and she has particular expertise with female patients and nonsmokers.
George Z. Cheng, MD, PhD  
Interventional Pulmonologist  
Medical Director, Interventional Pulmonary, Bronchoscopy and Pleural Services  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Pulmonology (Lung), Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Interventional Pulmonology, Lung Cancer, Critical Care  

Add'l Language:  
Mandarin  

Jacobs Medical Center  
Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (619) 543-5840  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (858) 822-6100  

Bio:  
George Cheng, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who specializes in interventional pulmonology. He performs minimally invasive procedures for diagnosis and treatment of lung and pleural diseases. These include malignant and benign diseases of the lung, such as lung cancer, sarcoidosis, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pulmonary fibrosis and other conditions. Dr. Cheng specializes in treating airway problems such as airway tumors, airway narrowing, asthma, COPD, and pleural disease (i.e. fluid around the lung) with minimally invasive approaches. He serves as the medical director of interventional pulmonary, bronchoscopy and pleural services.

Kathryn A. Gold, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer  

Moores Cancer Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-5182  

Bio:  
Kathryn A. Gold, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating cancers of the lung, head and neck. She uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for her patients.

Derek Helton, MD, FACP  
Medical Oncologist  
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases  

Subspecialties:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma  

Encinitas - Garden View Road  
Vista - Sycamore Avenue  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (760) 536-7700  

Bio:  
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.
Hatim Husain, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Urdu

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5182

Bio:
Hatim Husain, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating lung cancer and brain tumors. He strives to provide the highest level of care for his patients and their families. Dr. Husain uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, hormonal, biological, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options.

Scott M. Lippman, MD
Director, Moores Cancer Center
Professor of Medicine
Senior Associate Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor, Cancer Research and Care

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialties:
Precision Medicine, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Scott M. Lippman, MD, is director of Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, professor of Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine, senior associate dean and associate vice chancellor for Cancer Research and Care and holds the Chugai Pharmaceutical Chair in Cancer. He is also an adjunct professor at the Salk Institute, the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute and MD Anderson Cancer Center.

William Mitchell, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer, Palliative Care

Subspecialty:
Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
William Mitchell, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. He cares for patients with all kinds of thoracic cancer, including lung cancer, mesothelioma and thymomas.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thoracoscopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

Sandip P. Patel, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Immunotherapy, Precision Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5182

Bio:
Sandip Patel, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in cancer immunotherapy and early phase clinical trials involving immunotherapy across all types of cancer. Dr. Patel is focused on developing personalized therapies that stimulate a patient’s immune system to attack their specific tumor. He believes in offering these promising immunotherapeutics across all tumor types.

Anthony Perricone, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Lung Transplantation, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Dr. Perricone is director of the Cardiothoracic Unit at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, and surgical director of lung transplantation at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Douglas Rahn, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Chula Vista - Lane Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 502-7730

Bio:
Douglas Rahn, MD, is a radiation oncologist with specialized training and experience in a variety of radiation therapy techniques, including radiosurgery, stereotactic body radiation therapy, intensity-modulated radiation therapy and electronic brachytherapy. He treats a wide range of cancer types, including skin, central nervous system, head and neck, lung, breast, genitourinary, gastrointestinal and lymphoma.

Ajay Sandhu, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Medical Director and Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Lung Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Ajay Sandhu, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating genitourinary cancers, lung cancer and sarcoma. In particular, he is interested in the application of novel radiotherapeutic approaches in these diseases including intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), and four-dimensional computed tomography (4DCT), stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) and respiratory gating.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Andrew B. Sharabi, MD, PhD  
Radiation Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialties:  
Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Urologic Cancer, Lung Cancer  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:  
Andrew B. Sharabi, MD, PhD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating prostate cancer, head and neck cancer, skin cancers, and cancers that affect the lung area (thoracic malignancies).

Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:  
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.

Laura Toppen, DNP  
Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:  
Cancer  
Subspecialty:  
Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:  
Laura Toppen DNP, is a certified nurse practitioner who works in the lung cancer screening program. She has expertise and sub-specialty training in helping patients with cardiothoracic and vascular conditions.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

James Urbanic, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0500

Bio:
James Urbanic, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist and the medical director of Radiation Oncology Services in Encinitas. He specializes in a variety of radiotherapy and radiosurgical techniques, including intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT).
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