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Gynecologic Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences  

Specialties:  
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Precision Medicine  

Add'l Languages:  
Arabic, Spanish  

Moores Cancer Center  
Encinitas - Garden View Road  

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

Paul T. Fanta, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer  

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

Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000  

Bio:  
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmacogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.
Cancer - Precision Medicine (cont.)

Natalie Galanina, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Precision Medicine, Immunotherapy

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Natalie Galanina, MD, is a hematologist who specializes in treating patients with lymphoid malignancies, including lymphoma and leukemia, as well as rare hematologic tumors.

Shumei Kato, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Language:
Japanese

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-2372

Bio:
Shumei Kato, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating rare cancers and gastrointestinal tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Kato has a special interest in targeted molecular therapy and his approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine and experimental therapeutics.
Cancer - Precision Medicine (cont.)

**Razelle Kurzrock, MD**  
Director, Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy  
Senior Deputy Director for Clinical Science, Moores Cancer Center  
Chief, Division of Hematology-Oncology, Department of Medicine

**Specialty:** Cancer  
**Subspecialties:** Precision Medicine, Immunotherapy

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

**Bio:**  
Razelle Kurzrock, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and a renowned expert in precision medicine. Precision medicine, also called personalized therapy, uses molecular tumor testing to match each patient with the best possible treatment. As director of the Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy, she cares for patients with all types of cancer who may benefit from clinical trials of experimental therapies. She also has a special interest in rare tumors.

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**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.
Cancer - Precision Medicine (cont.)

Mina Nikanjam, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Precision Medicine

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Mina Nikanjam, MD, PhD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in treating melanoma and other skin cancers, as well as rare tumors. She also specializes in experimental therapeutics and early phase clinical trials with the goal of providing patients with state of the art treatments. Many of these novel therapies are designed to be more effective with less toxicity and targeted for individualized therapy.

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

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Immunotherapy, Precision Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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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.

Barbara A Parker, MD
Breast Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Precision Medicine, Breast Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Barbara A. Parker, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. She has extensive experience treating and managing breast cancer. Her top priority is to provide excellent patient care consisting of access to new therapies.
Cancer - Precision Medicine (cont.)

Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6173

Bio:
Jason Sicklick, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating hepatobiliary diseases and sarcomas, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He has a special interest in abdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas, primary liver tumors and colorectal and neuroendocrine cancers that have metastasized to the liver.
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