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Plastic Surgery

Plastic surgery is the branch of surgery which repairs external damaged tissue, remedies physical impairments or aesthetically enhances. Learn more about plastic surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Plastic Surgery - Cosmetic Surgery

Marek Dobke, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Surgery
Add'l Language:
Polish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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Bio:
Marek Dobke, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon with expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast and in facial rejuvenation, as well as in the application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery.

Amanda A. Gosman, MD
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.
Plastic Surgery - Cosmetic Surgery (cont.)

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Samuel Lance, MD, is a plastic surgeon who specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, with expertise in adult and pediatric craniomaxillofacial surgery. He is the director of adult craniomaxillofacial surgery (i.e. surgery related to the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures).

Christopher Reid, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Christopher Reid, MD, is a plastic surgeon with expertise in microsurgery, breast reconstruction, complex reconstruction, and aesthetic surgery of the breast and body. He performs breast reconstruction with a variety of flap surgery methods, including DIEP flap, TRAM flap, SGAP flap and PAP flap.

Mark Rechnic, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Arabic

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Ahmed Suliman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who performs a broad spectrum of aesthetic (cosmetic) and reconstructive procedures to address the effects of a medical condition or injury, or to enhance one's appearance.
Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive Surgery

Amanda A. Gosman, MD
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Frederic J. Kolb, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Bio:
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.
Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive Surgery (cont.)

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Plastic Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Associate Professor of Surgery

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Surgery, Plastic Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Arabic

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Bio:
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Rheumatology

Rheumatology is a medical specialization concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic disease; diseases which are usually caused by inflammation, swelling and pain in the joints and muscles. Learn more about [rheumatology](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

**Harry Bluestein, MD**  
Rheumatologist  

**Specialty:**  
Rheumatology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110  

**Bio:**  
Dr. Bluestein's research interests included the identification and characterization of cell membrane molecules that serve as targets of SLE antibodies and on the role of those antibodies in the pathogenesis of SLE, particularly the neuropsychiatric manifestations. He is now retired as a researcher.

**Arnold Ceponis, MD, PhD**  
Rheumatologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Rheumatology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248  

**Bio:**  
Arnold Ceponis, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist with clinical and research interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound. In addition to long-established methods of diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and systemic diseases, Dr. Ceponis uses in-office ultrasonography for diagnosis and ultrasound-guided injections of joints and other musculoskeletal structures.

**Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD**  
Rheumatologist  
Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Rheumatology  

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**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248  

**Bio:**  
Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma.

**Soo-In Choi, MD**  
Rheumatologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Rheumatology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Soo Choi, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout and lupus.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Gary S. Firestein, MD
Rheumatologist
Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Gary Firestein, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats patients with autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones. These conditions may include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout, chronic back pain, tendinitis, and lupus.

Monica Guma, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Monica Guma, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Dr. Hepburn received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.

Mark Ginsberg, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mark Ginsberg, MD is a rheumatologist with who diagnoses and treats chronic musculoskeletal and systemic autoimmune conditions. He offers nonsurgical treatment for diseases such as osteoarthritis, gout and rheumatoid arthritis.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Kenneth Kalunian, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Dr. Kenneth Kalunian is the Associate Director of the Center for Innovative Therapy and also a Professor in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology in the School of Medicine at UC San Diego.

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Korean

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Rheumatology, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Katherine Nguyen, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

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Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-6110

Bio:
Katherine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats general rheumatology conditions, with a special focus on treating the autoimmune diseases Sjögren’s syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

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Contact:
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Bio:
Abha Singh, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis, myositis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), vasculitis, gout, polymyalgia rheumatica, and osteoarthritis.

Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

Bio:
Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS, is a board-certified rheumatologist. He diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus.

Chelsey Smith, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Chelsey Smith, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats patients with rheumatic diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, and other conditions.
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