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  Encinitas, CA 92024
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  Temecula, CA 92952

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Cardiology

Cardiology is the branch of medicine specializing in the study and treatment of heart conditions. Learn more about cardiology at UC San Diego Health System.

Laith Alshawabkeh, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Add'l Language:
Arabic

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Laith Alshawabkeh MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in caring for adults with congenital heart disease, an abnormality in the heart that is present at birth. He leads the Adult Congenital Heart Disease Program at UC San Diego Health.
Cardiology - Electrophysiology

Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD
Director, Pacemaker and ICD Services
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Add'l Languages:**
French, German, Swedish

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**
Ulrika Birgersdotter-Green, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating heart rhythm disorders. She directs the Pacemaker and ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) Service at UC San Diego Health and leads one of the largest lead extraction programs in the Western United States.

Frederick (Fred) Han, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Temecula Parkway

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Temecula: (951) 303-0734

**Bio:**
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with all types of fast (tachycardia), slow (bradycardia), and irregular heart rhythm disorders, including both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.

Gregory Kent Feld, MD
Director, Cardiac Electrophysiology Program
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**
Gregory K. Feld, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and cardiac electrophysiologist. His clinical and research interests include the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias and catheter ablation techniques for atrial arrhythmias, particularly atrial fibrillation.

Gordon Ho, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**
Gordon Ho, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiac electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with fast, slow and irregular heart rhythms. Specifically, he has expertise in performing minimally-invasive procedures to treat atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.
Cardiology - Electrophysiology (cont.)

Kurt Hoffmayer, MD, PharmD, FACS, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
Encinitas - El Camino Real

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

**Bio:**
Kurt Hoffmayer, MD, PharmD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in cardiology electrophysiology. He cares for patients with all types of heart rhythm disorders and is interested in both medical and procedural management of atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter, supraventricular tachycardia, and ventricular tachycardia.

David Edward Krummen, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**
Dr. Krummen's goal is to provide outstanding medical care while advancing the profession's knowledge and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias.

Jonathan Hsu, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Electrophysiology

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**
Jonathan Hsu, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in electrophysiology. He takes care of patients with all types of fast (tachycardia), slow (bradycardia), and irregular heart rhythm disorders, including both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.

Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS
Cardiac Electrophysiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialties:**
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

**Bio:**
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.
Cardiology - General Cardiology

Daniel G. Blanchard, MD, FACC
Cardiologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Daniel Blanchard, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who performs noninvasive surgery and diagnostics such as echocardiography. He also treats hyperlipidemia (high levels of fats, cholesterol and triglycerides) and congenital heart disease.

Bruno Cotter, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
General Cardiology
Add'l Languages:
French, German

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Lori B. Daniels, MD, FACC
Director, Coronary Care Unit
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
General Cardiology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Lori B. Daniels, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist. She works with patients on prevention of cardiovascular disease, as well as management of coronary disease, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and other cardiovascular problems.
Cardiology - General Cardiology (cont.)

Anthony N. DeMaria, MD
Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Dr. DeMaria is the Judith and Jack White Chair in Cardiology and founding director of the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center at UC San Diego. Dr. DeMaria has been in practice for 25 years. He regularly participates in trials involving non-invasive methods to diagnose and treat heart disease.

Anna McDivit Mizzell, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Anna McDivit Mizzell, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, and women’s cardiovascular health. She provides cardiac care for people before and after receiving solid organ transplants and works closely with the transplant teams at UC San Diego Health.

Anya Narezkina, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Add'l Language: Russian

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4448

Bio:
Anya Narezkina, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who works with patients to diagnose and prevent heart disease, as well as manage conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure), coronary artery disease, or heart failure.

Kirk L. Peterson, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director Emeritus, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: General Cardiology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Dr. Peterson is director emeritus of the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center. He sits on the editorial board for the Journal American College of Cardiology and is also the president of the Medical Education Research Foundation.
Cardiology - General Cardiology (cont.)

Ajit Raisinghani, MD
Cardiologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Encinitas - El Camino Real
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

Bio:
Ajit Raisinghani, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and director of cardiology clinics as well as noninvasive laboratories for the Division of Cardiology at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Raisinghani specializes in advanced diagnostic techniques, including transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography, contrast echocardiography and stress echocardiography.

Jia Shen, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Encinitas - El Camino Real
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

Bio:
Jia Shen, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in the treatment and prevention of heart disease.
Pam R. Taub, MD, FACC
Cardiologist
Director of Step Family Foundation
Cardiovascular Rehabilitation and Wellness Center
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
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Bio:
Pam R. Taub, MD, FACC, is a board-certified cardiologist who focuses on general and preventive cardiology, as well as women's cardiovascular health.

Isac C. Thomas, MD, MPH
Cardiologist

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Isac Thomas, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating and preventing heart disease. Dr. Thomas evaluates patients' current heart conditions with a focus on preventive medicine to neutralize or slow the progression of heart disease.

Michael J. Wilkinson, MD
Cardiologist

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Encinitas - El Camino Real

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

Bio:
Michael Wilkinson, MD, is a cardiologist who leads the advanced lipid treatment program at UC San Diego Health. This includes diagnosis and management of inherited forms of dyslipidemia (i.e. an abnormal amount of cholesterol or fats [lipids] in the blood), as well as primary and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease through risk factor management and use of lipid-modifying therapies.
Cardiology - Heart Failure

Eric David Adler, MD
Cardiologist
Director of Cardiac Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support
Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Cardiology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialties:** Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

- **Contact:**
  - New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
  - Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

- **Bio:**
  Dr. Eric David Adler is a board-certified cardiologist and medical director of heart transplant and mechanical circulatory support. He specializes in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support and cardiac transplantation.

Denise Dayle Barnard, MD
Director, Women’s Cardiovascular Health Program
Assistant Director, Advanced Heart Failure Program, Cardiac Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Program
Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Cardiology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialties:** Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

- **Contact:**
  - New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
  - Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

- **Bio:**
  Denise Barnard, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who is actively involved in UC San Diego Health’s Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Programs. She is a nationally recognized heart failure expert and also practices at the VA San Diego Healthcare.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

Eugene Golts, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

- **Specialties:** Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialties:** Heart Failure, Lung Transplantation
- **Add'l Languages:** Russian, Ukrainian

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

- **Bio:**
  Eugene Golts, MD, is a board-certified general and cardiothoracic surgeon who performs the full scope of cardiothoracic surgery and thoracic organ transplantation. Dr. Golts is surgical director of the Lung Transplant Program at UC San Diego Health.

Paul J. Kim, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Cardiology
- **Subspecialty:** Heart Failure

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

- **Contact:**
  - New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
  - Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
  - Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 697-3110

- **Bio:**
  Paul Kim, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with advanced heart failure, including those who need ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplants. Dr. Kim also has specialized training in performing and interpreting cardiovascular magnetic resonance (MRI) and cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT) studies.

Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFS A
Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program
Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Cardiology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialties:** Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation
- **Add'l Language:** French

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

- **Contact:**
  - New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
  - Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

- **Bio:**
  Barry H. Greenberg, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and internationally recognized pioneer in the field of heart failure. He directs the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program at UC San Diego Health.
**Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)**

**Michael M Madani, MD, FACS**  
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery  
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation,  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

**Add'l Language:**  
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

**Bio:**  
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.

**Travis L. Pollema, DO**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Temecula Parkway

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

**Bio:**  
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.
**Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)**

**Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Surgical Director of Heart Transplant  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation  

**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation  

**Add'l Language:**  
Afrikaans

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**  

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

**Bio:**  
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lead management. Pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) deliver energy to the heart through thin, flexible wires called leads. When these leads are not working properly – because of infection, damage, or surrounding scar tissue – they need to be removed. Dr. Pretorius performs a minimally invasive procedure called laser lead extraction to cut through scar tissue surrounding the lead, allowing it to be easily removed.

**Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, FHRS**  
Cardiac Electrophysiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cardiology  

**Subspecialties:**  
Electrophysiology, Heart Failure

**Add'l Language:**  
Farsi

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

**Bio:**  
Farshad Raissi, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiac electrophysiologist whose special clinical interest is in management of complex arrhythmias in heart failure, as well as device therapies for early and advanced heart disease.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

Jorge E. Silva Enciso, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Jorge Silva Enciso, MD, is a board-certified advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist. He cares for patients with progressive heart failure symptoms in need of advanced therapies or surgical treatments including ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplantation.

Hao (Howie) Tran, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Heart Failure

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Temecula Parkway

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Temecula: (951) 303-0734
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Howie Tran, MD, is board-certified cardiologist who specializes in treating patients with end-stage or advanced heart failure. He cares for patients who require heart transplants and mechanical circulatory support devices, including ventricular assist devices (VADs) and percutaneous ventricular assist devices (PVADs). Dr. Tran is also experienced in right heart-catheterization with heart tissue biopsies.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

Marcus A. Urey, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Additional Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Marcus A. Urey, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist specializing in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory devices and heart transplantation. In addition to his expertise in caring for those with end-stage heart failure, he has a special interest in the evaluation and treatment of adults with heart failure caused by congenital heart disease (heart defects that are present at birth). He works closely with pediatric and adult cardiovascular disease colleagues to improve quality and duration of life in this challenging patient population.

Nicholas Wettersten, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Heart Failure

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Temecula Parkway
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530
Direct Clinic Line - Temecula: (951) 303-0374
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Nicholas Wettersten, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who treats patients with advanced heart failure.
Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology

Lawrence Ang, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Lawrence Ang, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in interventional cardiology, the catheter-based treatment of heart disease. He performs nonsurgical procedures such as percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) to treat people with coronary artery blockages and improve blood flow to the heart. Dr. Ang is a proponent of using intracoronary hemodynamics to guide therapy and to help patients achieve "complete" revascularization in multi-vessel coronary artery disease. He also has expertise in state-of-the-art robotically assisted PCI as well as use of cardiac support devices for critically-ill patients.

Ehtisham Mahmud, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Division Chief, Cardiovascular Medicine
Executive Director, Medicine - Cardiovascular Institute
Director, Interventional Cardiology and Cardiac Cath Lab
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8029

Bio:
Ehtisham Mahmud, MD, is a board-certified interventional cardiologist who specializes in complex coronary procedures, including complex coronary, structural, lower extremity and carotid interventions. He serves as division chief of cardiovascular medicine, executive director of medicine at Cardiovascular Institute, and director of interventional cardiology, all at UC San Diego Health.
Mitul Patel, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Mitul Patel, MD, is a board-certified interventional cardiologist. Interventional cardiology involves opening blocked blood vessels with minimally invasive catheter procedures. Dr. Patel treats people with acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, peripheral vascular disease, and other heart conditions. He has extensive experience with the insertion of ventricular assist devices to support both complex coronary interventions and to treat cardiogenic shock.

Ryan R. Reeves, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Ryan Reeves, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in cardiovascular medicine and interventional cardiology. He performs coronary angioplasty, a nonsurgical procedure that improves blood flow to the heart using cardiac catheterization.

Sotirios Tsimikas, MD
Director of Vascular Medicine
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology
Subspecialty:
Interventional Cardiology
Add'l Language:
Greek

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Contact:
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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery specializes in operations to the heart, chest or both — generally includes treatment for heart and lung diseases and conditions. Learn more about cardiothoracic (heart and lung) surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

Joelle M. Coletta, MD, FACS
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery
Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Joelle Coletta, MD, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and chief of the cardiothoracic surgery section at the Veterans Administration Hospital affiliated with UC San Diego. She also performs both cardiac and thoracic operations at Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center.

Daniel L. Gramins, MD
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery
Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Vascular Surgery
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Daniel Gramins, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon who also serves as surgical director of the cardiothoracic surgery program at TriCity Medical Center.

Eugene Golts, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery
Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Lung Transplantation
Add'l Languages:
Russian, Ukrainian
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777
Bio:
Eugene Golts, MD, is a board-certified general and cardiothoracic surgeon who performs the full scope of cardiothoracic surgery and thoracic organ transplantation. Dr. Golts is surgical director of the Lung Transplant Program at UC San Diego Health.

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery
Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery
Temecula Parkway
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 303-0734
Bio:
Steven Howe, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating a wide range of cardiovascular diseases, including aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, and other peripheral and major vascular conditions. Dr. Howe performs adult cardiothoracic surgery, including peripheral and major vascular surgery, thoracic and abdominal endovascular surgery and thoracic trauma surgery.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery (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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7086

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 – thorascopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.

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.

Travis L. Pollema, DO
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Temecula Parkway

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

Bio:
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery (cont.)

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

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

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.

Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Adult Congenital Heart Defects

John Lamberti, MD

Specialty:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

Subspecialty:
Adult Congenital Heart Defects

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Lamberti leads the pediatric heart surgery program at Rady Children's Hospital, and also performs surgeries for adult congenital heart defects at Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, FRCS, FACS, FACC, FACCP
Dean, Cardiovascular Affairs
Endowed Chair and Distinguished Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
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Bio:
Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and expert in pulmonary thromboendarterectomy. He is one of the founding members of Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center at UC San Diego Health and is known throughout the world for his ground-breaking research and surgical innovations.

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure
Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is the surgical director of the Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) Program, and is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Surgical Director of Heart Transplant
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**
Afrikaans

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

**Bio:**
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lead management. Pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) deliver energy to the heart through thin, flexible wires called leads. When these leads are not working properly – because of infection, damage, or surrounding scar tissue – they need to be removed. Dr. Pretorius performs a minimally invasive procedure called laser lead extraction to cut through scar tissue surrounding the lead, allowing it to be easily removed.

Naohide Sakakibara, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialty:**
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

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**Bio:**
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