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  - San Diego, CA 92121

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  - La Jolla, CA 92037

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  - UC San Diego Medical Center
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92103

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  - 200 West Arbor Drive
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  - San Diego, CA 92103

- **UC San Diego Medical Center**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92103

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  - Encinitas, CA 92024

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  - Encinitas, CA 92024

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- **6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302**
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- **Downtown Express Care**
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- **4910 Directors Place**
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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
Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

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

**Bio:**
Frederick (Fred) Han, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who subspecializes in cardiology 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 - North 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 cardiac 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

Anas Alani, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Anas Alani, 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 and heart failure, hypercholesterolemia, and other cardiovascular problems.

Luis R. Castellanos, MD, MPH
Cardiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

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

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Luis Castellanos, MD, MPH, is a board-certified cardiologist. As a general cardiologist, he enjoys helping patients improve their cardiovascular health by applying evidence-based strategies, state-of-the-art technology and pharmacootherapy to target coronary disease, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and other cardiac diseases.

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
Cardiology - General Cardiology (cont.)

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.

Anna McDivit Mizzell, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Cardiology  

**Subspecialty:**  
General Cardiology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular 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.

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.

Anya Narezkina, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Cardiology  

**Subspecialty:**  
General Cardiology  

**Add'l Language:**  
Russian  

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530  
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4448  

**Bio:**  
Any Narezkina, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist who specializes in cardio-oncology. The field of cardio-oncology focuses on treating and preventing heart conditions in patients who are treated for cancer.
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.

Nicholas Phreaner, MD  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Cardiology

Subspecialties:  
General Cardiology, Heart Failure

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:  
Nicholas Phreaner, MD, is a cardiologist who specializes in the treatment and prevention or general cardiovascular conditions such as atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, and irregular heart beat (arrhythmia).

Ajit Raisinghani, MD  
Cardiologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Cardiology

Subspecialty:  
General Cardiology

Encinitas - North 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.
Cardiology - General Cardiology (cont.)

Jia Shen, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cardiology

Subspecialty:
General Cardiology

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Encinitas - North 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
Direct Clinic Line - Cardiac Rehabilitation Center: (858) 249-1308

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 - North 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 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.

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**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.

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**Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFA**
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, Lung 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.

**Nicholas Phreaner, MD**  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cardiology

**Subspecialties:**  
General Cardiology, Heart Failure

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**  
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

**Bio:**  
Nicholas Phreaner, MD, is a cardiologist who specializes in the treatment and prevention of general cardiovascular conditions such as atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, and irregular heart beat (arrhythmia).
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

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

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.

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
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

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.

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.
Cardiology - Heart Failure (cont.)

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

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

*Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center*  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**  
**Murrieta - California Oaks Rd**

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

**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.

**Marcus A. Urey, MD**  
Cardiologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:** Cardiology, Transplantation  
**Subspecialties:** Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation  
**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:**  
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) and those with amyloidosis, a rare condition that can involve the heart. He works closely with colleagues from different subspecialties to offer these patients the most up-to-date treatment with the intent of improving both their longevity and quality of life.
Nicholas Wettersten, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Cardiology

**Subspecialty:**
Heart Failure

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
**Murrieta - California Oaks Rd**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

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

Belal Al Khiami, MBBS
Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

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

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Belal Al Khiami, MBBS, is a board-certified interventional cardiologist. Interventional cardiology involves opening blocked blood vessels with minimally invasive catheter procedures. Dr. Al Khiami treats people with acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, peripheral vascular disease, and other heart conditions.

Lawrence Ang, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cardiology
Subspecialty: Interventional Cardiology

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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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.
Cardiology - Interventional Cardiology (cont.)

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Mitul Patel, MD
Interventional Cardiologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

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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.

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