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La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92122

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92033

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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

4th and Lewis Medical Offices
330 Lewis Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices North
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices South
4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103

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

Rancho Bernardo
Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

Encinitas
Includes Encinitas Express Care
(Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

Downtown
Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Bio: UC San Diego Health Links

Christanne H. Coffey, MD, FACEP
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Specialty: Emergency Medicine
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Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Bio: Christanne Hoffman Coffey, MD, FACEP, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. She treats and cares for people in the emergency department, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Theodore (Ted) Chan, MD, FACEP, FAAEM
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chair of Emergency Medicine
Specialty: Emergency Medicine
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Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
Bio: Theodore "Ted" Chan, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Kama Z. Guluma, MD
Clinical Professor
Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

David Guss, MD
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

Bio:
“Education and training is a lifetime experience. Learn from every patient encounter and from your colleagues and students. Teaching and sharing important experiences with colleagues proves to be the most effective personal educational experience.”

Lisa Lowe, MD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Fraid Mostamand, DO

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
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Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Sean-Xavier Neath, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
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Leslie C Oyama, MD
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

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

Christian M. Sloane, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Bio:
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
Emergency Medicine - Critical Care

Christopher R (Kit) Tainter, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspeciality:**
Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Christopher "Kit" Tainter, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in critical care medicine. As a specialist in anesthesiology critical care medicine, Dr. Tainter treats individuals with critical illnesses or injuries, particularly trauma victims and people with multiple organ dysfunction. His professional interests include resuscitation and point-of-care ultrasound.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine

Irving Jacoby, MD
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Hebrew

Encinitas - El Camino Real
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
After 32 years of working in the Emergency Department, I will be taking retirement from UC San Diego, but look forward to maintaining my ties with the department on a part-time basis in the future. I will be continuing my work with the San Diego DMAT, and hope to be able to do many things I have put off for way too long.

Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH
Chief, Division of Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Medicine
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Disaster Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Bio:
Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency room and those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine (cont.)

Gary M. Vilke, MD
Clinical Service Chief, Emergency Medicine
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Disaster Medicine

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Bio:
Gary M. Vilke, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He is the clinical service chief of Emergency Medicine at UC San Diego Health and co-medical director of the Emergency Departments in Hillcrest and La Jolla, where he oversees the care for people with acute illnesses and injuries. Dr. Vilke’s expertise includes evaluation, immediate decision making and treatment to prevent further harm or disability in patients.
Emergency Medicine - Emergency Ultrasound

**Colleen Campbell, MD**
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Emergency Ultrasound

**Jacobs Medical Center**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6400

**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

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**Anthony John Medak, MD**
Associate Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

**Bio:**
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH  
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  
**Subspecialty:**  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

**Encinitas - El Camino Real**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 452-2222  

**Bio:**  
Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH, is a physician who specializes in hyperbaric medicine and limb salvaging with board certification in the practice of advanced wound care. He has expertise in the use of bioengineered skin substitutes and non-invasive vascular testing. Dr. Anderson serves as medical director of UC San Diego Health's Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care program in Encinitas.

Ian Grover, MD  
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  
**Subspecialty:**  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

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**Bio:**  
Ian Grover, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. His expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Grover assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

Stephen R. Hayden, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
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Bio:
Stephen R. Hayden, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, graduated from the accelerated six-year biomedical program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society. He did a General Surgery internship at the San Diego Naval Hospital, which was followed by a tour of duty as senior flight surgeon for the Naval Strike Warfare Center at the NAS Fallon, Nevada.

Irving Jacoby, MD
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Hebrew

Encinitas - El Camino Real
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
After 32 years of working in the Emergency Department, I will be taking retirement from UC San Diego, but look forward to maintaining my ties with the department on a part-time basis in the future. I will be continuing my work with the San Diego DMAT, and hope to be able to do many things I have put off for way too long.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

James Killeen, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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Bio:
James Killeen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Emi Latham, MD
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Diving Medicine Specialist

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Emi Latham, MD, is a board-certified emergency physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. Her expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Latham assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

**Anthony John Medak, MD**  
Associate Physician  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  

**Subspecialties:**  
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
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Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon  

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**Bio:**  
Dr. Medak’s areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

**Brian Snyder, MD**  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  

**Subspecialty:**  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

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**Bio:**  
UC San Diego Health Links

**Davut Savaser, MD**  

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  

**Subspecialty:**  
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

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

**Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD**  

**Specialty:**  
Emergency Medicine  

**Subspecialties:**  
Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
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**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

Karen Van Hoesen, MD
Director, Diving Medicine
Co-Director, San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 8910 Villa L Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Karen Van Hoesen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. She is recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on diving medicine. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Van Hoesen assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection. She is also the co-director of the San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving (SDCED).

Peter Witucki, MD
Associate Physician

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Witucki joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 after completing a fellowship in Hyperbarics/Diving Medicine at UC San Diego. He practices Emergency Medicine as well as Hyperbaric Medicine. He serves as a Diving Medical Officer in the US Naval Reserves.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology

Richard F. Clark, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Director, Division of Toxicology
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:
Richard Clark, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems. Dr. Clark is the medical director of the Division of Medical Toxicology at UC San Diego School of Medicine and also serves as medical director of the San Diego Division of the California Poison Control System.

Allyson Kreshak, MD, FACEP, FACMT
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Bio:
Allyson Kreshak, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. She treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, she also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology (cont.)

Binh T. Ly, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Bio:
Binh Ly, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.

Alicia Minns, MD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Bio:
Alicia Minns, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. She provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and related illnesses.

Aaron Schneir, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Emergency Department - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6400

Bio:
Aaron Schneir, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. He treats patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, he also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and related illnesses.
Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialties:
Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-6800

Bio:
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.
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 System.

**Harry Bluestein, MD**

**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

**Add'l Language:**
Italian

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

**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.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Specialty:
Rheumatology

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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.

Kenneth Kalunian, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

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. 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.

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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Bio:
Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist
Rheumatology (cont.)

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

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

Katherine Nguyen, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Vietnamese

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**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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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).

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**

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

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

**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.

Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Encinitas - Garden View**

**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.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Rheumatology
Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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.
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