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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America’s Top Doctors and *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

Patient Access

Request an Appointment
Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

- **New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)**
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call **800-926-8273**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Current Patients**
  Contact your physician’s office directly to schedule an appointment or call the main switchboard number, **858-657-7000**, and ask to be transferred to your physician’s office.

- **Find a Doctor**
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: [doctors.ucsd.edu](http://doctors.ucsd.edu).

Referring Physician Access

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For hospital-to-hospital transfers, call **619-543-5709** (24-hour service) for instructions or to speak to a transfer coordinator.

Consultations
If you need to talk with one of our physicians about a case or if you have any problems or concerns, please contact us at **855-543-0555** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We want to hear from you.

Refer Your Patient
Call Physician Access at **855-543-0555** or fax **888-539-8781** and our team will register and schedule your referred patient. You will receive follow-up communication (consultation notes, discharges, etc.), as well as access to our electronic medical record system, UCSD Link.
Locations

La Jolla
4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

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

Hillcrest
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

Encinitas
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

Scripps Ranch
9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92131

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
3020 Children’s Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway
Temecula, CA 92952

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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Allergy & Immunology

Allergy and Immunology is the medical specialty concerned with allergies and disorders of the immune system. Learn more about allergy and immunology at UC San Diego Health System.

Bruce Zuraw, MD
Allergist, Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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

Bio:
Bruce Zuraw, MD, is a board-certified physician who specializes in angioedema, urticaria, allergic and non-allergic rhinitis, allergen immunotherapy, anaphylaxis, and sinusitis. Dr. Zuraw directs the US HAEA Angioedema Center at UC San Diego Health.
Allergy & Immunology - Asthma

Sandra C. Christiansen, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Allergy & Immunology
- **Subspecialty:** Asthma
- **La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5350

**Bio:**
Sandra C. Christiansen, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema and allergic airway disease. Dr. Christiansen is an internationally respected allergy and angioedema expert and cares for people with various medical conditions related to the immune system. These include respiratory tract diseases (e.g., sinusitis and asthma), allergic conditions of the skin (e.g., atopic dermatitis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Taylor Doherty, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Allergy & Immunology
- **Subspecialty:** Asthma
- **La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5350

**Bio:**
Taylor Doherty, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist with expertise in asthma, allergies and adult immune deficiency. He provides diagnosis and treatment for problems related to the human immune system such as skin disorders (e.g., hives, eczema), respiratory tract diseases (e.g., sinusitis, asthma), autoimmune related disease (e.g., arthritis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Marc A. Riedl, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Clinical Director, Angioedema Center
Professor of Medicine

- **Specialty:** Allergy & Immunology
- **Subspecialty:** Asthma
- **La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5350

**Bio:**
Marc A. Riedl, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema, immune deficiency diseases, asthma, anaphylaxis, food and medication sensitivity, and other related conditions. Dr. Riedl is the clinical director of UC San Diego Health's U.S. HAEA Angioedema Center, which offers comprehensive evaluations and treatment options for people with all forms of angioedema.
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](https://health.ucsd.edu) 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  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Failure, Lung Transplantation  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Russian, Ukrainian

**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](https://health.ucsd.edu) 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:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.

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

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

**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.

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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.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery - Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) (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.

**Naohide Sakakibara, MD**  
Thoracic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialty:**  
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

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

**Bio:**  
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