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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

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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 92592

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121
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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

**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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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 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  
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.

**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:**
UC San Diego Health Links
Neurology

Neurology is the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study and treatment of disorders of the nervous system. Learn more about neurology at UC San Diego Health System.

James B Brewer, MD, PhD
Director of Human Memory Lab
Professor of Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 552-8585

Bio:
Dr. Brewer is interested in advanced methods for detecting clinically significant memory impairment. This includes application of recent UC San Diego developments in brain MRI analysis.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Ronald J. Ellis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in adult neurological diagnosis and treatment for patients with HIV or AIDS. He is the only specialist in the neurology of HIV/AIDS in the San Diego area and also receives referrals from throughout California.

Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
Anastasie Dunn-Pirio, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats patients with general neurology disorders, as well as multiple sclerosis and other neuromunological disorders. She is also interested in the neurologic complications of cancer and cancer therapy.

Sean J. Evans, MD
Neurology Core Clerkship Director
Associate Clinical Professor
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Co-Director
Neurosciences Education Committee Chair

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Dr. Evans is a general clinical neurologist with broad experience in the clinical and electrophysiologic diagnosis and care of patients with neurologic disorders. He is the Director of the Neurology Core Clinical Clerkship, Co-Director of the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Core Course, and Director of the UC San Diego Medical Center Urgent Neurology clinic.
Neurology (cont.)

Douglas Galasko, MD
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty: Neurology
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Dr. Galasko is board-certified in neurology, with special expertise in memory disorders, Alzheimer's diseases, and unusual neurological conditions such as dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia.

Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty: Neurology
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats adults and children. She partners with patients, families and the multiple sclerosis clinical team to provide comprehensive care for people of all ages. Specialty care tracks are offered for children and pregnant women with multiple sclerosis.

Jeffrey H. Gertsch, MD
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty: Neurology
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:

Monika A. Gupta, MD
Neurologist

Specialty: Neurology
Temecula Parkway

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 303-0734

Bio:
Monika Gupta, MD, is a board-certified neurologist. She provides care for people with a variety of neurologic conditions, and has a special interest in neuromuscular diseases.
Neurology (cont.)

Vicente Iragui-Madoz, MD, PhD
Director, Clinical Neurophysiology and UCSD Epilepsy Center
Professor

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Chamindra Konersman, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Chamindra Konersman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist at UC San Diego Health. She provides general neurological care to people with a range of neurologic conditions, with an emphasis on neuromuscular diseases. She sees patients with conditions including, inclusion body myositis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, myasthenia gravis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, periodic paralysis, and all muscular dystrophies.

Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
Revere (Rip) Kinkel, MD, is a board-certified, internationally recognized neurologist and multiple sclerosis (MS) expert. He is devoted to improving the diagnosis and care for people with MS and related disorders such as transverse myelitis; optic neuritis; neuromyelitis optica; autoimmune encephalitis; and systemic immune disorders that affect the central nervous system, including sarcoidosis and lupus. Dr. Kinkel directs the multiple sclerosis program at UC San Diego Health and leads the program's clinical, research, and educational efforts within the Department of Neurosciences.

Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Adjunct Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Stuart Lipton, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neurodegenerative diseases. A neuroscientist and world-renowned expert in dementia, Dr. Lipton is best known for developing the FDA-approved memantine (Namenda®, NamendaXR®, Namzaric®), the first drug in a novel class of medications used to treat moderate-to-severe Alzheimer’s disease.
Neurology (cont.)

William C. Mobley, MD, PhD
Chair, Department of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

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

Bio:
Dr. Mobley has received numerous honors and awards, among them both the Zenith and Temple Awards for Research in Alzheimer's Disease from the Alzheimer's Association, the Cotzias Award from the American Academy of Neurology and the Christian Pueschel Memorial Award for Research in Down Syndrome from the National Down Syndrome Congress.

David Piccioni, MD, PhD
Neuro-oncologist
Assistant Professor of Neuroscience

Specialties:
Cancer, Neurology

Subspecialty:
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6346

Bio:
David Piccioni, MD, PhD, is a certified neuro-oncologist and board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating primary and metastatic tumors of the brain and nervous system. He also has expertise in treating the neurological complications of cancer and the side effects of brain cancer treatment, such as headaches and seizures.

John Ravits, MD
Neurologist
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
John Ravits, MD, is a board certified clinical neurologist specializing in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), motor neuron diseases, neuromuscular disorders, and clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Ravits is the director of the ALS clinic at UC San Diego Health and vice chair of adult neurology and the neurological sciences.

Jeremy N. Rich, MD, MHS
Neuro-oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Neurology

Subspecialty:
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Jeremy Rich, MD, MHS, MBA, is a certified neuro-oncologist and renowned physician-scientist who specializes in diagnosing and treating brain tumors, including gliomas (e.g. glioblastoma, astrocytoma, brainstem glioma, ependymoma, and oligodendroglioma) and brain metastases. As part of a multidisciplinary approach, Dr. Rich works closely with neurosurgeons and medical and radiation oncologists to provide comprehensive treatment plans unique to each patient.
Neurology (cont.)

Evelyn Tecoma, MD, PhD
Chief of Neurology, Thornton Hospital
Professor

Specialty:
Neurology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
In 1991, Dr. Tecoma was recruited to serve as Associate Director of the UC San Diego Epilepsy Center, a busy tertiary referral center, epilepsy monitoring unit, and comprehensive epilepsy surgery program.

Erik S. Viirre, MD, PHD
Professor (Adjunct)

Specialty:
Neurology
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Dr. Viirre specializes in neurotology (diagnosis and outpatient treatment of vertigo, balance disorders, and tinnitus). He has been with the UC San Diego Department of Neurosciences since 2006 and the Department of Surgery, Division of Head and Neck Surgery since 1998. A member of numerous scientific boards, Dr. Viirre is also a Research Professor in the UC San Diego Department of Cognitive Science and a research associate of the US Navy Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Mark H Tuszynski, MD, PhD
Professor

Specialty:
Neurology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Tuszynski is currently conducting research in the fields of Alzheimer's Disease, and Spinal cord injury. He has had more than 120 scientific publications in these areas.
Neurology - Dementia

Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD
Professor Emeritus of Neurosciences
Neurologist

**Specialty:** Neurology
**Subspeciality:** Dementia

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-1288

**Bio:**
Jody Corey-Bloom, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in dementia and neurodegenerative conditions associated with Alzheimer’s disease, Huntington’s disease and multiple sclerosis. She has more than 20 years of experience treating multiple sclerosis and has cared for individuals with the most difficult cases and those with limited means.

Shauna Yuan, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Neurology
**Subspeciality:** Dementia
**Add'l Language:** Mandarin

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
Shauna Yuan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in caring for patients with memory disorders and dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease, Frontotemporal dementia, Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease.

Gabriel Léger, MD
Neurologist

**Specialty:** Neurology
**Subspeciality:** Dementia
**Add'l Language:** French

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

**Bio:**
Gabriel Léger, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. He has expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of atypical or focal dementias, including frontotemporal dementia (FTD), primary progressive aphasia, posterior cortical atrophy, and dementia with Lewy bodies including Parkinson’s disease dementia.
Neurology - Epilepsy

Leena Raj Kansal, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Epilepsy

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
Leena Kansal, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in epilepsy. Her care focuses on the evaluation and treatment people with recurrent seizures and seizure disorders.

Olivia Kim McManus, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Epilepsy

Add'l Languages:
Korean, Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Olivia Kim McManus, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating infants, children, and adolescents with neurological disorders, especially epilepsy and medically refractory epilepsy (when the condition does not respond to medication). Her expertise includes clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy surgery, i.e. invasive intracranial electroencephalography (EEG) monitoring and intraoperative electrocorticography.
Neurology - Epilepsy (cont.)

David J. Lee, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty: Neurology
Subspecialty: Epilepsy
Add'l Language: Korean

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

Bio:
David J. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats seizures and epilepsy, including epilepsy that does not respond to medication.

Jerry J. Shih, MD
Director, Epilepsy Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty: Neurology
Subspecialty: Epilepsy
Add'l Language: Mandarin

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Jerry Shih, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating people with epilepsy. He directs UC San Diego Health's Level 4 Epilepsy Center, which provides the highest level of care to people with epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and is the only nationally designated epilepsy center in the region. The Comprehensive Epilepsy Program offers state-of-the-art neurodiagnostic monitoring and neuroimaging for diagnosing complex epilepsy conditions, and advanced medical and surgical treatment options. Dr. Shih's expertise also includes managing the care of patients with refractory epilepsy, or seizures that are not controlled with medications.
Neurology - Epilepsy (cont.)

June Yoshii-Contreras, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialty:**
Epilepsy

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8540
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-3500

**Bio:**
June Yoshii-Contreras, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating people with epilepsy. She takes a holistic approach in helping patients deal with the challenges that are common in the epilepsy population in order to improve their overall quality of life. Her clinical interests involve treating complex epilepsy patients with medications, surgery and implanted neuro-stimulation devices.
Neurology - Headache

Hossein Ansari, MD
Neurologist

Specialty: Neurology
Subspecialty: Headache
Add'l Languages: Farsi, Turkish/Azeri

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8540

Bio:
Hossein Ansari, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and certified headache specialist who specializes in diagnosing and treating headaches and facial pain. He is highly experienced in caring for people with migraines, “cluster” headaches and trigeminal neuralgia.

Suzan Khoromi, MD
Neurologist

Specialty: Neurology
Subspecialty: Headache
Add'l Languages: French, Persian, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
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Bio:
Suzan Khoromi, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating migraines, headaches and neurologic pain conditions.

Imanuel Lerman, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties: Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty: Headache

Jacobs Medical Center
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Bio:
Imanuel Lerman, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Lerman evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, including acute, chronic and cancer pain. He has extensive experience in ultrasound guidance for interventional pain procedures and interventional headache treatment, teaching and speaking nationally on these subjects.

Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD
Pain Management Specialist and Headache Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties: Pain Management, Neurology
Subspecialty: Headache

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Bio:
Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and pain and headache specialist. He sees people with all types of chronic pain, with a special focus on spine pain and headache.
Neurology - Headache (cont.)

Sara S. Siavoshi, DO
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurology

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspeciality:
Headache
Add'l Language:
Farsi

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Bio:
Sara Siavoshi, DO, is a board-certified neurologist who treats headaches, migraines, traumatic brain injury and general neurological conditions. She performs procedures such as Botox injections, nerve blocks and trigger point injections. In addition, her research interests include migraines and facial pain.
Neurology - Movement Disorders

Dominic Ferrey, MD
Neurologist

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Dominic Ferry, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neuromuscular conditions such as Lou Gehrig’s disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]), myasthenia gravis, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), amyloid neuropathy and muscle diseases.

Stephanie Lessig, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

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Bio:
Stephanie Lessig, MD, is a board-certified neurologist with UC San Diego Health and the VA San Diego Healthcare System. She regularly sees people with Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders, such as dystonia and ataxia. Dr. Lessig specializes in both deep brain stimulation and the administration of botulinum toxin.
Neurology - Movement Disorders (cont.)

Irene Litvan, MD
Neurologist
Director, Movement Disorders Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Irene Litvan, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and director of the Parkinson and Other Movement Disorders Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Litvan treats and diagnoses individuals with Parkinson's disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, dementia with Lewy bodies, corticobasal degeneration, multiple system atrophy, Huntington's disease, essential tremor, and frontotemporal dementias.

Fatta Nahab, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

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Bio:
Fatta Nahab, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and director of the neuroimaging program at UC San Diego Health's Movement Disorder Center. Dr. Nahab specializes in neurological movement disorders and their causes, and diagnoses and treats people with essential tremor, Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism, ataxia, and dystonia. He also provides treatment for people with symptoms such as myoclonus, walking problems and imbalance.

Brenton A. Wright, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Movement Disorders

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Bio:
Brenton Wright, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats people with movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, dystonia, tremor, ataxia, chorea, tics, tardive syndromes and other rare diseases.
Neurology - Neurocritical Care

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Neurology

**Subspecialties:**
Neurocritical Care, Stroke

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

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**Bio:**
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.

Navaz Karanjia, MD
Medical Director, Neurointensive Care Unit
Associate Professor of Neurosciences and Anesthesiology

**Specialties:**
Neurology, Stroke Care

**Subspecialty:**
Neurocritical Care

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**Bio:**
Navaz Karanjia, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in caring for people with life-threatening diseases of brain, spinal cord and nerves. She is medical director of UC San Diego Health's Neurocritical Care Program and Neuro-Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which she also founded. The Neuro-ICU team provides around-the-clock expert care, seven days a week, to critically ill patients who may have severe brain injury, stroke or brain tumors, or may be recovering from a neurosurgical procedure.
Neurology - Stroke

Kunal Agrawal, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Stroke

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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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Bio:
Kunal Agrawal, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in vascular neurology and stroke treatment. He focuses on the spectrum of stroke care, including stroke prevention, acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, and post-acute stroke care.

Cynthia G. González, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialties:
Neurocritical Care, Stroke
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Cynthia Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified neurologist who takes care of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage, brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus (severe epilepsy), nerve and muscle diseases, spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury.

Jonathan D. Bui, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology
Subspecialty:
Stroke
Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Vietnamese

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Bio:
Jonathan Bui, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in the development of magnetic resonance techniques to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases. He cares for both children and adults with neurological diseases and spends the majority of his clinical time focused on neuroimaging and cerebrovascular medicine.
Neurology - Stroke (cont.)

Thomas Hemmen, MD, PhD
Vascular Neurologist
Director, Stroke Center
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care

Subspecialty:
Stroke

Add'l Language:
German

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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Bio:
Thomas Hemmen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist. His expertise includes caring for patients with stroke, cerebrovascular diseases, and those who require neurological critical care. Dr. Hemmen directs the stroke center at UC San Diego Health and was instrumental in establishing the center as the first certified Stroke Center of Excellence in San Diego County.

Branko Huisa-Garate, MD
Vascular Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialty:
Neurology

Subspecialty:
Stroke

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Branko Huisa-Garate, MD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist who specializes in treating cerebrovascular diseases such as acute ischemic stroke, cerebrovascular malformations, vascular dementia and vascular cognitive impairment.
Neurology - Stroke (cont.)

Brett C Meyer, MD
Co-Director, UCSD Stroke Center
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences
Medical Director, UCSD Enterprise Telemedicine

- **Specialties:** Neurology, Stroke Care
- **Subspecialty:** Stroke

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**Bio:**
Brett C. Meyer, MD, is a neurologist at UC San Diego Medical Center, Co-Director of the UC San Diego Stroke Center, and Medical Director for UC San Diego Enterprise Telemedicine. He specializes in acute cerebrovascular disease therapies and technological evaluation and treatment techniques.

Scott E. Olson, MD
Vascular Neurologist and Endovascular Neurosurgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

- **Specialties:** Neurosurgery, Neurology, Stroke Care
- **Subspecialties:** Endovascular Neurosurgery, Stroke

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**Bio:**
Scott E. Olson, MD, is a board-certified vascular neurologist with additional fellowship training in interventional neuroradiology/endovascular neurosurgery. He specializes in evaluating and treating disorders of the blood vessels of the brain and spinal cord, which can lead to ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke. His expertise includes both medical and endovascular care for individuals with extra and intracranial stenoses, brain aneurysms and vascular malformations, whether congenital or acquired.

Royya Modir, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

- **Specialties:** Neurology, Stroke Care
- **Subspecialty:** Stroke
- **Add'l Language:** Spanish

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**Bio:**
Royya Modir, MD, is a board-certified neurologist specializing in vascular neurology and the treatment of stroke. Her focus is on treatment strategies for stroke prevention and using thrombolytics for the treatment of acute stroke.
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