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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 at UC San Diego Health.

Joshua A. Boys, MD
Thoracic Surgeon

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

**Subspecialty:**
Lung Transplantation

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

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Joshua Boys, MD, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who treats people with cancer of the lung and esophagus, chest wall tumors and mediastinal tumors. He performs lung transplantations and also treats gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and achalasia (i.e. an esophagus disorder that makes it difficult for food to pass into the stomach).

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.

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
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**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

**Specialty:**
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

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

**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.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery (cont.)

Steven Howe, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Murrieta - California Oaks Rd

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.

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
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (877) 586-4727
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

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 – thoracoscopy 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.
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery (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:**
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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.

**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**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

**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

Subspeciality:
Adult Congenital Heart Defects

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

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)

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.

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.
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
Infertility

Infertility is a problem of the reproductive system that affects the body's ability to conceive a child. Learn more about infertility in women, male infertility (andrology), and the range of treatments available at UC San Diego Health.

Sanjay Agarwal, MD, FACOG
Director of Fertility Services
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Infertility
Subspecialty:
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Dr. Agarwal is Clinical Professor and Director of Fertility Services in the UC San Diego Department of Reproductive Medicine. He is also Director of the innovative UC San Diego Center for Endometriosis Research and Treatment (CERT, www.cert.ucsd.edu).

R. Jeffrey Chang, MD
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Infertility
Subspecialty:
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Dr. Chang has had a long-standing clinical and research interest in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. He is widely published, and has achieved significant recognition for his research accomplishments. He is a reviewer for many medical journals and has written several books. His past involvement with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) included serving on the reproductive biology study section and two years as the administrative chair for NIH physiological sciences review section.
Infertility (cont.)

Antoni Duleba, MD
Chief, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Infertility
Subspecialty:
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Antoni Duleba, MD, is a board-certified reproductive endocrinologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating infertility and regulating ovarian function. His primary research focuses on polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and endometriosis.

T. Mike Hsieh, MD
Urologist
Director, Men's Health Center
Associate Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Infertility, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Male Infertility
Add'l Languages:
Mandarin, Taiwanese

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
T. Mike Hsieh, MD, is a board-certified urologist specializing in male fertility and men’s health. He treats men with sexual dysfunction including low testosterone, erectile dysfunction, and Peyronie’s disease. He also treats male infertility including men with ejaculatory disorder, hormone imbalance, sperm production impairment, cancer, and genetic causes of infertility.
Infertility (cont.)

H. Irene Su, MD
Reproductive Endocrinologist
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialties:
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Infertility

Subspecialty:
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Add'l Language:
Chinese

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
H. Irene Su, MD, MSCE, is a reproductive endocrinologist and reproductive epidemiologist dedicated to improving the reproductive health for patients throughout their cancer journey. Dr. Su’s expertise includes treating infertility, reproductive aging and fertility preservation. She directs the Reproductive Survivorship program at UC San Diego Health, which offers oncofertility (i.e. a subfield that bridges oncology and reproductive research to explore and expand reproductive future options), for young people facing cancer, and other medical illnesses.
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