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Colon and Rectal Surgery

Colon and Rectal surgery is the medical specialty dealing with surgeries for disorders of the rectum, anus, and colon. Learn more about colon and rectal surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.
Colon and Rectal Surgery (cont.)

Samuel Eisenstein, MD  
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer  
Subspecialty:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Encinitas - Garden View Road  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices:: (858) 822-6277  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas:: (760) 536-7300  

Bio:  
Samuel Eisenstein, MD, is a colon and rectal surgeon specializing in the treatment of colon and rectal cancer and other intestinal disorders including Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis. He is an expert in the surgical treatment of anorectal disorders such as hemorrhoids, fistulas and fissures. Dr. Eisenstein is also experienced with therapies for fecal incontinence and was the first colon and rectal surgeon in San Diego County to implant sacral nerve stimulators for this condition.

Nicole Lopez, MD  
Surgeon  

Specialties:  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices:: (858) 822-6277  

Bio:  
Nicole Lopez, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She specializes in surgical oncology and colorectal surgery, and has a particular interest in caring for patients with advanced, recurrent, and metastatic colorectal cancers. She has expertise in treating hereditary syndromes, diverticulitis, pelvic floor diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, and anorectal diseases. She is skilled in laparoscopy and robotic surgery.

Lisa A. Parry, MD  
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Encinitas - Garden View Road  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices:: (858) 822-6277  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas:: (760) 536-7300  

Bio:  
Lisa Parry, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the treatment of colorectal cancers and other intestinal disorders, including Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticulitis.
Colon and Rectal Surgery (cont.)

Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD
Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon. She specializes in treating colorectal and anal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and diverticulitis. She also leads the colorectal cancer team at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health.
Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Michael E. Albo, MD
Co-Director, Women’s Pelvic Medicine Center
Vice Chair, Department of Urology
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Michael E. Albo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in voiding dysfunction, urinary incontinence, urodynamics, female urology, pelvic floor reconstruction, and urogenital conditions caused by neurologic disorders. Dr. Albo's expertise includes performing pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries in both women and men; surgery for urinary incontinence; neuromodulation; and botulinum toxin (Botox) injections. He is also trained in a wide variety of medical and surgical techniques to manage voiding disorders and prostate disorders in men.

John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
John F. Alksne, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who focuses on the care of patients with neurological conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia (tic douloureux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.

David Barba, MD, FAANS
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
David Barba, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon focusing on surgical treatment of people with epilepsy and movement disorders.
Surgery (cont.)

Andrew Barleben, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Andrew Barleben, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon, specializing in the treatment of a variety of conditions and diseases, including thoracic and abdominal aortic disease, carotid artery disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, renal artery disease, mesenteric artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, varicose veins, venous ulceration and deep vein thrombosis.

Sharona Ben-Haim, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Languages:
Hebrew, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Sharona Ben-Haim, MD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in caring for people with treatment-resistant epilepsy and movement disorders such as Parkinson’s disease, dystonia and essential tremor and spasticity. She also treats chronic pain, including facial pain and trigeminal neuralgia, as well as pain related to spinal conditions.

Stephen Bickler, MD
Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics

Specialty:
Surgery

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

Bio:
Dr. Bickler is a pediatric surgeon whose dedication to children has taken him to distant places. He recently spent more than two and a half years in The Gambia in West Africa as Consulting Pediatric Surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Banjul and the Medical Research Council Laboratories in Fajara.

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Lung Transplantation: (858) 657-5050
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (858) 657-7777

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).
Surgery (cont.)

Kevin Thomas Brumund, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Kevin Bruemund, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon whose practice is dedicated solely to the treatment of head and neck tumors. Dr. Bruemund has extensive training and experience in cancer surgery and specializes in treating both benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck. This includes tumors of the entire upper aerodigestive tract (mouth, throat, nose, sinuses, and voice box), salivary glands (parotid and submandibular glands), neck, facial skin, thyroid and parathyroid glands.

Jill Buckley, MD
Urologist
Associate Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Jill Buckley, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in urologic reconstructive surgery and robotic surgery. She has a special interest in caring for people with complex urinary conditions such as urethral stricture/obstruction, hypospadias, urinary tract fistulas (rectourethral and vesicovaginal), post prostatectomy male incontinence, ureteral injury/obstruction as well as those who have complications in the genitourinary area as a result of trauma. Her practice includes treating patients with complications of cancer therapy (prostate, colorectal and gynecologic) causing urinary obstruction, male incontinence following prostate surgery, urologic trauma injuries, urethral stricture disease and ureteral reconstruction.
J\textbf{oseph D Ciacci, MD}  
\textbf{Neurosurgeon}  
\textbf{Professor of Surgery}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item \textbf{Specialties:} Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer  
\item \textbf{Subspecialties:} Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology, Spine  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Jacobs Medical Center}  
\textbf{Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center}  
\textbf{Contact:}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
\item Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Bio:}  
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro-oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci's primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.

\textbf{Joelle M. Coletta, MD, FACS}  
\textbf{Cardiothoracic Surgeon}  
\textbf{Associate Professor of Surgery}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item \textbf{Specialties:} Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center}  
\textbf{Contact:}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
\item Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{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.

\textbf{Charles Coffey, MD}  
\textbf{Head and Neck Surgeon}  
\textbf{Assistant Professor of Surgery}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item \textbf{Specialties:} ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer  
\item \textbf{Subspecialties:} Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Moores Cancer Center}  
\textbf{Contact:}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
\item Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Bio:}  
Charles Coffey, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and fellowship-trained head and neck cancer surgeon who specializes in diagnosing and treating patients with a broad range of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck.

\textbf{Dana Curtis Covey, MD}  
\textbf{Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician}  
\textbf{Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item \textbf{Specialties:} Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Encinitas - Garden View Road}  
\textbf{Contact:}  
\begin{itemize}  
\item New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
\item Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200  
\end{itemize}  
\textbf{Bio:}  
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.
Surgery (cont.)

Adam DeConde, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery  
Subspecialty:  
Sinus & Rhinology  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590  

Bio:  
Adam DeConde, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in treating endoscopic sinus surgery and skull base tumors.

Marek Dobke, MD  
Plastic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery  

Specialties:  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery  
Subspecialty:  
Cosmetic Surgery  
Add'l Language:  
Polish  

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746  

Bio:  
Marek Dobke, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon with expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast and in facial rejuvenation, as well as in the application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery.

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD  
Urologic Oncologist  
Professor of Urology and Radiology  

Specialties:  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer  
Add'l Language:  
French  

Jacobs Medical Center  
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  

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

Bio:  
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health’s multidisciplinary program for management of kidney cancer.
Surgery (cont.)

Samuel Eisenstein, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices:: (858) 822-6277
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas:: (760) 536-7300

Bio:
Samuel Eisenstein, MD, is a colon and rectal surgeon specializing in the treatment of colon and rectal cancer and other intestinal disorders including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He is an expert in the surgical treatment of anorectal disorders such as hemorrhoids, fistulas and fissures. Dr. Eisenstein is also experienced with therapies for fecal incontinence and was the first colon and rectal surgeon in San Diego County to implant sacral nerve stimulators for this condition.

Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices:: (858) 657-8590
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere's disease, cholesteatoma, superior canal dehiscence and chronic ear infections.
Surgery (cont.)

Steven Robert Garfin, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Interim Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Steven Garfin, MD, is a board-certified and internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon specializing in the adult spine. He has been consistently elected as a top doctor in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.
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.

Amanda A. Gosman, MD
Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.
Surgery (cont.)

Jacqueline Greene, MD
Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Facial Nerve Disorders, Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Jacqueline Greene, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist with expertise in facial nerve disorders, facial paralysis, and complex facial and nasal reconstruction. She performs facial reanimation surgery (e.g. gracilis free muscle transfer for smile reanimation, facial nerve repair and nerve transfers); facial plastic and reconstructive surgery; and medical and surgical care for ear, nose and throat conditions.

David B. Hom, MD, FACS
Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck Surgeon
Co-Director of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
David Hom, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who helps improve abnormalities and functional defects of the face caused by injuries and skin cancer. His expertise includes treating facial (skin and bone) deformities, as well as Mohs skin cancer reconstruction. He also specializes in improving nasal breathing problems, nasal fractures and nasal obtruction.

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD, is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

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.
Surgery (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Urology, Infertility, Surgery

Subspeciality:
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.

Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, FAANS
Chair, Neurological Surgery
Professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Endovascular Neurosurgery, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Farsi, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, MBA, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in cranial and endovascular surgery. He is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and professor of Surgery, Radiology and Neurosciences. He provides both open surgical and catheter-based approaches to complex neurosurgical problems, including brain tumors, aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations (AVM) and carotid disease. His vascular training informs his surgical approach to complex tumors in the brain. He is a fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (FAANS), American Heart Association Stroke Council (FAHA), and senior member of the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS).
Surgery (cont.)

Frederic J. Kolb, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
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 - La Jolla: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Samuel Lance, MD, is a plastic surgeon who specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, with expertise in adult and pediatric craniofacial surgery. He is the director of adult craniomaxillofacial surgery (i.e. surgery related to the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures).

John Lane, MD
Interim Chief, Vascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Surgery (cont.)

Michael Levy, MD, PhD
Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

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

Bio:
Michael L. Levy, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon at UC San Diego Health and chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. Dr. Levy's primary surgical interests are in pediatric and vascular neurosurgery.

Lawrence Marshall, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Lawrence Marshall, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon and an internationally renowned expert in traumatic head injury. Dr. Marshall's surgical interests cover all of neurosurgery but especially diseases of the spine and spinal cord, brain tumors, and peripheral nerves.

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: (619) 543-7777

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.

Andrew Nguyen, MD, PhD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Andrew Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in endovascular treatments for neurovascular diseases and minimally invasive spine surgery.
Surgery (cont.)

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Additional Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.

Joseph Osorio, MD, PhD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Additional Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Joseph Osorio, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in complex spine surgery. He treats spinal conditions such as scoliosis, kyphosis, kyphoscoliosis and flatback syndrome. He also treats spinal tumors, cervical spinal problems, and degenerative conditions of the spine such as spondylolisthesis and stenosis.
Erik L Owens, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Endovascular Surgery
Add'l Language:
Norwegian

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Erik Owens, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon. He is engaged in several clinical studies with interests in aortic aneurysms, treatment of venous stasis ulcers and minimally invasive bypass procedures. He serves as co-director for the Endovascular Training Center at the San Diego VA Medical Center.

C. Lowell Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
C. Lowell Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who diagnoses and treats all urologic disorders, and specializes in caring for patients who have interstitial cystitis (IC). Internationally recognized as a leading physician and researcher in IC, he has developed major new diagnostic tools and treatments for the disease and has published over 225 medical journal articles and textbook chapters. Health care professionals from around the world have visited his clinic and attended his lectures to learn the latest techniques for detecting and treating IC.

J. Kellogg Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
J. Kellogg Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating prostate cancer. He directs clinical trials for the Department of Urology at UC San Diego Health's Moores Cancer Center.
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:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

**Bio:**  
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.

**Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB**  
**Cardiothoracic Surgeon**  
**Surgical Director of Heart Transplant**  
**Associate Professor of Surgery**

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation  
**Subspecialties:**  
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation  
**Additional 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.

**Mark Rechnic, MD**  
**Associate Professor of Surgery**

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Plastic Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
### Surgery (cont.)

#### 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

#### Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Incontinence, Urogynecology

**Add'l Languages:**
French, Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

**Bio:**
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Surgery (cont.)

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD  
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma  
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:  
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:  
Orthopedic Trauma

Add'l Languages:  
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:  
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.

Marc S. Schwartz, MD  
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:  
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center  
La Jolla -Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Neurosurgery: (619) 543-5540  
Direct Clinic Line - ENT/Head & Neck Surgery: (858) 657-8590  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:  
Marc Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally renowned expert on the treatment of patients with acoustic neuromas, skull base tumors, and neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). He is also the recognized neurosurgical leader in the field of auditory brainstem implants. In addition, Dr. Schwartz treats complex cranial problems, meningiomas, brain tumors, pituitary tumors, cranial nerve disorders, and intradural spine tumors.
Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Arabic

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Ahmed Suliman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who performs a broad spectrum of aesthetic (cosmetic) and reconstructive procedures to address the effects of a medical condition or injury, or to enhance one's appearance.

Roger Sur, MD
Urologist
Director, Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Kidney Stones

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Roger Sur, MD, is a board-certified urologist and founder/director of the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health that focuses on surgical treatment, medical prevention and research into causes of kidney stones. He specializes in percutaneous nephrolithotomy using the latest, minimally invasive techniques.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

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La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Hoi Sang U, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Hoi Sang U, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally recognized specialist in the treatment of vascular anomalies known as AVMs. Patients have traveled to UCSD from as far away as Australia, Hong Kong, the Sultanate of Brunei, Africa and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to take advantage of his expertise.

Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.
Surgery (cont.)

Deborah Watson, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Deborah Watson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon focusing on rhinoplasty (plastic surgery of the nose), nasal reconstruction, external ear reconstruction, and cosmetic facial plastic surgery.

Jason Woo, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Urologic Cancer

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Jason Woo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspeciality:
Laryngology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
Surgery (cont.)

Carol H. Yan, MD
Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Sinus & Rhinology, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Add'l Language:
Shanghainese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Carol Yan, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in treating sinonasal disease and skull base tumors. She treats a wide range of conditions, including sinus infections (sinusitis), nasal polyps, nasal obstruction, deviated septum, enlarged turbinates, rhinitis, smell loss, and cerebrospinal fluid leak. She also treats patients with tumors and cancers of the nose and sinuses, as well as skull base tumors. Dr. Yan performs primary and revision endoscopic sinus and nasal surgery, as well as endoscopic skull base surgery in collaboration with the neurosurgical team at UC San Diego Health.

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Surgery - Critical Care

**Allison E. Berndtson, MD, FACS**
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**  
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

**Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS**
Surgical Intensivist  
Associate Professor of Surgery  
Medical Director, Trauma

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**  
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's [Level 1 Trauma Center](https://health.ucsd.edu), which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Leslie Kobayashi, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Amy E. Liepert, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Amy E. Liepert, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients that have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency general surgery for issues such as appendicitis, gallstones, hernias, diverticulitis and acute bowel emergencies.

Jessica Weaver, MD, PhD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jessica L. Weaver, MD, PhD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias. She also provides elective general surgery consultations at the outpatient clinic in Hillcrest medical offices.
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS  
Colorectal Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

**Bio:**  
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

Joel M. Baumgartner, MD  
Surgical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Surgical Oncology, Pancreatic Cancer, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

**Bio:**  
Joel M. Baumgartner, MD, is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. He treats tumors that have metastasized to the abdomen, using treatment known as the "chemo bath" or hyperthermic (heated) intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). This treatment involves surgical resection of all tumors followed by circulation of heated chemotherapy throughout the abdomen. This technique avoids many of the toxicities associated with systemic chemotherapy, while exposing the abdomen to higher concentrations of chemotherapy.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery
Co-Director, Center for Fluorescence-Guided Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Bouvet's expertise includes performing surgery for benign and cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism, Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer; minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.

Ryan Broderick, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Ryan Broderick, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopic, endoscopic, robotic) for treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, esophagus and stomach disorders, and obesity. He also specializes in abdominal and inguinal hernia repair as well as general surgery.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent outcomes following these complex procedures.

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer, HIV/AIDS

Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who specializes in anorectal surgery. He is an expert in treating chronic inflammatory lesions such as anal fistula, pilonidal sinus, and hidradenitis suppurativa. He also has a special interest in anal dysplasia and cancer, including HIV-related cases.

Ellen Fink, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Ellen Fink, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who cares for patients who have cancer or are undergoing colorectal surgery. She helps treat a wide range of conditions, including colorectal cancers; diverticulitis; pelvic floor diseases; inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis; and complex benign and malignant conditions of the bile duct, liver, pancreas and stomach.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Santiago Horgan, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery
Director, Center for the Future of Surgery
Director, Center for Fluorescence-Guided Surgery

Specialties:
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Surgery, Cancer, Obesity Medicine
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery,
Gastrointestinal Cancers
Add't Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Santiago Horgan, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in esophageal
disease, weight-loss surgery, minimally invasive surgery and new
technologies and approaches for surgery. He performs a variety of weight-
loss procedures including gastric sleeve, gastric plication, gastric bypass,
and revisional weight-loss surgeries.

Garth Ross Jacobsen, MD
Director, Hernia Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Garth Jacobsen, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in hernia
surgery and repairing abdominal wall defects. He has expertise in both
traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr. Jacobsen's
approach considers each patient as an individual. He works with each
person to develop the best repair or surgical plan available.

Kaitlyn Kelly, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Moores Cancer Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Kaitlyn Kelly, MD, is a surgical oncologist with board certification in general
surgery and complex general surgical oncology. Her expertise includes
treating benign and malignant gastrointestinal (GI) and endocrine diseases
including those of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, liver, bile ducts,
gallbladder, thyroid, and parathyroids, as well as skin cancers and soft-
tissue sarcomas.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Nicole Lopez, MD
Surgeon

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Nicole Lopez, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She specializes in surgical oncology and colorectal surgery, and has a particular interest in caring for patients with advanced, recurrent, and metastatic colorectal cancers. She has expertise in treating hereditary syndromes, diverticulitis, pelvic floor diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, and anorectal diseases. She is skilled in laparoscopy and robotic surgery.

Andrew M. Lowy, MD, FACS
Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Andrew M. Lowy, MD is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the pancreas and GI tract. Dr. Lowy is recognized worldwide for his expertise in pancreatic cancer surgery and in the management of complex gastrointestinal cancers. He is also known for investigating novel cancer treatments, including heated intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC), to treat advanced abdominal cancers.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Lisa A. Parry, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

Bio:
Lisa Parry, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the treatment of colorectal cancers and other intestinal disorders, including Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticulitis.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD
Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon. She specializes in treating colorectal and anal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and diverticulitis. She also leads the colorectal cancer team at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health.

Bryan J. Sandler, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8859

Bio:
Bryan Sandler, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in treating patients with disorders of the foregut, esophagus, gastric or biliary system and small intestine. In addition to performing hindgut surgery for colon and rectal disorders, Dr. Sandler has specialized training in advanced hernia operations, abdominal wall reconstruction and weight loss surgery. His areas of expertise also include minimally invasive and robotic surgery, and natural orifice surgery.
Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
- Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
- Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
- Spanish

Bio:
Jason Sicklick, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating hepatobiliary diseases and sarcomas, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He has a special interest in abdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas, primary liver tumors and colorectal and neuroendocrine cancers that have metastasized to the liver.

Jula Veerapong, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
- Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
- Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Moores Cancer Center

Bio:
Jula Veerapong, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal malignancies. He is an expert in peritoneal surface malignancies, which include cancers that have originated from or spread to the peritoneal lining (lining of the abdominal cavity). He treats people with pseudomyxoma peritonei, appendiceal cancer (low grade and high grade), colorectal cancer, sarcomas (desmoplastic small round cell tumors), mesothelioma, and gynecologic malignancies (epithelial ovarian cancer, primary peritoneal carcinoma, borderline mucinous tumor of the ovary).
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent outcomes following these complex procedures.
Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation,
Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin Mekeel, MD, is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children.
She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney
disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and diabetes.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary
Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in
transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary
(liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver
tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation,
Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes
in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver
cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6173

Bio:
Jason Sicklick, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating hepatobiliary diseases and sarcomas, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He has a special interest in abdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas, primary liver tumors and colorectal and neuroendocrine cancers that have metastasized to the liver.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

Omar Al-Nouri, DO
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Arabic

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Omar Al-Nouri, DO, MS, RPVI, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who specializes in a wide spectrum of vascular diseases, including complex treatment of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, carotid disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, venous disease and hemodialysis access. He uses both open and endovascular (less invasive) techniques to provide patients with the best possible approach.
Dennis Bandyk, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Dennis Bandyk, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who diagnoses and treats people with disorders affecting the arteries, veins and lymphatic systems. He provides comprehensive medical treatment and reconstructive vascular surgical and endovascular (less invasive) techniques for individuals with all types of vascular conditions.

Thomas L. Beaumont, MD, PhD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology
Add'l Language:
Italian

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Thomas Beaumont, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in skull base and minimally invasive cranial surgery. He performs both open microsurgery and endoscopic approaches for brain, skull base and pituitary tumors where he tailors the surgical approach to provide maximally effective yet minimally invasive neurosurgical care. Dr. Beaumont has a passion for the treatment of meningiomas, pituitary tumors, craniopharyngiomas and clival chordomas, and is an expert in the endoscopic endonasal approach (EEA). Additionally, he treats cavernous malformations, cranial nerve compression syndromes and craniocervical junction disease.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Seth Bechis, MD, is a board-certified urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, and men’s health issues. As member of the comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health, he has a special interest in advanced surgical treatment, medical prevention and research on kidney stone disease. He also performs advanced procedures for BPH as well as robotic surgery.

Ryan Broderick, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Ryan Broderick, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopic, endoscopic, robotic) for treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), hiatal hernia, esophagus and stomach disorders, and obesity. He also specializes in abdominal and inguinal hernia repair as well as general surgery.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Joseph A. Califano, III, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Physician in Chief, Moores Cancer Center
Director, Head and Neck Cancer Center

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Joseph A. Califano, III, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who specializes in head and neck surgical oncology, and the integration of basic, molecular biologic research in that practice. His expertise includes minimally invasive treatment of tumors of the oral cavity, larynx, pharynx, thyroid, and neck to minimize cosmetic impact and maximize function, with an interest in tumors of the skull base, mouth, salivary glands, and premalignant conditions of the upper aerodigestive tract.

Joslin Cheverie, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine

Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Joslin Cheverie, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgeries including bariatric procedures performed on the stomach or intestines to contribute to weight loss.

Santiago Horgan, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery
Director, Center for the Future of Surgery
Director, Center for Fluorescence-Guided Surgery

Specialties:
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Surgery, Cancer, Obesity Medicine

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Santiago Horgan, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in esophageal disease, weight-loss surgery, minimally invasive surgery and new technologies and approaches for surgery. He performs a variety of weight-loss procedures including gastric sleeve, gastric plication, gastric bypass, and revisional weight-loss surgeries.
Garth Ross Jacobsen, MD  
Director, Hernia Surgery  
Professor of Surgery  

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine  

**Subspecialties:**  
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery  

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860  

**Bio:**  
Garth Jacobsen, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in hernia surgery and repairing abdominal wall defects. He has expertise in both traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr. Jacobsen's approach considers each patient as an individual. He works with each person to develop the best repair or surgical plan available.

Sunil Jeswani, MD  
Neurosurgeon  

**Specialties:**  
Neurosurgery, Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5840  

**Bio:**  
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.

Karim Kader, MD, PhD  
Urologist  
Professor of Urology  

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer  

**Add'l Languages:**  
French, Greek  

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  

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

**Bio:**  
Karim Kader, MD, PhD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in detecting, treating and preventing prostate cancer.
Christopher J. Kane, MD  
Urologist  
Dean of Clinical Affairs, UC San Diego School of Medicine  
CEO, UC San Diego Health Physician Group  

Specialties:  
Urology, Surgery, Cancer  

Subspecialties:  
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer  

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion  

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

Bio:  
Christopher J. Kane, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating patients with prostate, kidney, bladder and testicular cancer. He has extensive expertise in robotic prostatectomy, open and laparoscopic kidney cancer surgery, and bladder and testes cancer surgery. He also provides care for conditions including benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate; elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels; and the presence of blood in urine (hematuria).

Nicole Lopez, MD  
Surgeon  

Specialties:  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery  

Subspecialties:  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277  

Bio:  
Nicole Lopez, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She specializes in surgical oncology and colorectal surgery, and has a particular interest in caring for patients with advanced, recurrent, and metastatic colorectal cancers. She has expertise in treating hereditary syndromes, diverticulitis, pelvic floor diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, and anorectal diseases. She is skilled in laparoscopy and robotic surgery.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

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

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

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.
**Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)**

**Ryan K. Orosco, MD**
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Cancer, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Moores Cancer Center**  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

**Bio:**  
Ryan Orosco, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in the surgical treatment of benign and malignant tumors and complex reconstruction of the head and neck. He cares for patients with head and neck tumors, thyroid and parathyroid disorders, and cancer of the face, scalp, nose, mouth, tongue, and throat. Dr. Orosco is skilled in advanced reconstruction techniques, including microvascular free flaps, the transplant of tissue to restore function and appearance. He employs minimally invasive techniques, such as transoral robotic surgery and transoral laser microsurgery, when appropriate.

**Lisa A. Parry, MD**
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  
Encinitas - Garden View Road

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277  
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

**Bio:**  
Lisa Parry, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the treatment of colorectal cancers and other intestinal disorders, including Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticulitis.

**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.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

**Martin H. Pham, MD**  
Neurosurgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Neurosurgery, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

**Bio:**  
Martin Pham, MD, is a neurosurgeon who focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. This includes adult scoliosis and spinal deformity, complex spinal reconstruction, robotic and minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation of the spine, spine tumors, and spine trauma.

**Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD**  
Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277

**Bio:**  
Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon. She specializes in treating colorectal and anal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and diverticulitis. She also leads the colorectal cancer team at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health.

**Kyoko Sakamoto, MD**  
Urologist  
Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer  
**Add'l Language:**  
Japanese

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

**Bio:**  
Kyoko Sakamoto, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in laparoscopy and endourology. Her additional interests are neurourology and general urology.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

**Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD**
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

**Add'l Language:**
Farsi

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.

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**Bryan J. Sandler, MD, FACS**
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8859

**Bio:**
Bryan Sandler, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in treating patients with disorders of the foregut, esophagus, gastric or biliary system and small intestine. In addition to performing hindgut surgery for colon and rectal disorders, Dr. Sandler has specialized training in advanced hernia operations, abdominal wall reconstruction and weight loss surgery. His areas of expertise also include minimally invasive and robotic surgery, and natural orifice surgery.

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**William Taylor, MD**
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

**Bio:**
William Taylor, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon. His practice focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. He is also dedicated to further developing and refining minimally invasive surgical procedures used to treat spinal conditions and diseases.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive 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
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.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology

Joel M. Baumgartner, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Surgical Oncology, Pancreatic Cancer, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

**Bio:**
Joel M. Baumgartner, MD, is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. He treats tumors that have metastasized to the abdomen, using treatment known as the "chemo bath" or hyperthermic (heated) intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). This treatment involves surgical resection of all tumors followed by circulation of heated chemotherapy throughout the abdomen. This technique avoids many of the toxicities associated with systemic chemotherapy, while exposing the abdomen to higher concentrations of chemotherapy.

Sarah L. Blair, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Breast Cancer, Surgical Oncology

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100

**Bio:**
Sarah L. Blair is a surgical oncologist and board-certified general surgeon who specializes in diagnosing and treating breast cancer, melanoma, sarcoma and soft tissue tumors. Her expertise is in sentinel node staging for breast cancer, utilizing new energy sources for better resection of tumors, and innovative reconstructive techniques for breast conservation operations.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery
Co-Director, Center for Fluorescence-Guided Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery,
Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers,
Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in
endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine
Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego
Health. Dr. Bouvet’s expertise includes performing surgery for benign and
cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism,
Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer;
minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic
adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid
glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.

Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General
and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care
for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part
of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer
Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in
performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas,
gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent
outcomes following these complex procedures.
Ellen Fink, MS, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Ellen Fink, MS, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who cares for patients who have cancer or are undergoing colorectal surgery. She helps treat a wide range of conditions, including colorectal cancers; diverticulitis; pelvic floor diseases; inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis; and complex benign and malignant conditions of the bile duct, liver, pancreas and stomach.

Ava Hosseini, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Breast Cancer, Surgical Oncology

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Ava Hosseini, MD, is a surgical oncologist and board-certified general surgeon who specializes in breast health, including breast cancer and benign breast disease. Dr. Hosseini's expertise includes general and oncology breast surgery. She performs mastectomy, image-guided lumpectomy, benign breast disease excisions and axillary surgery. She also works closely with plastic and reconstructive surgeons to offer women the best possible cosmetic options and results following treatment.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Kaitlyn Kelly, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Kaitlyn Kelly, MD, is a surgical oncologist with board certification in general surgery and complex general surgical oncology. Her expertise includes treating benign and malignant gastrointestinal (GI) and endocrine diseases including those of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, liver, bile ducts, gallbladder, thyroid, and parathyroids, as well as skin cancers and soft-tissue sarcomas.

Nicole Lopez, MD
Surgeon

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 822-6277

Bio:
Nicole Lopez, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She specializes in surgical oncology and colorectal surgery, and has a particular interest in caring for patients with advanced, recurrent, and metastatic colorectal cancers. She has expertise in treating hereditary syndromes, diverticulitis, pelvic floor diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, and anorectal diseases. She is skilled in laparoscopy and robotic surgery.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Andrew M. Lowy, MD, FACS
Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Andrew M. Lowy, MD is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the pancreas and GI tract. Dr. Lowy is recognized worldwide for his expertise in pancreatic cancer surgery and in the management of complex gastrointestinal cancers. He is also known for investigating novel cancer treatments, including heated intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC), to treat advanced abdominal cancers.

Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6173

Bio:
Jason Sicklick, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating hepatobiliary diseases and sarcomas, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He has a special interest in abdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas, primary liver tumors and colorectal and neuroendocrine cancers that have metastasized to the liver.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Jula Veerapong, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Moores Cancer Center

Bio:
Jula Veerapong, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal malignancies. He is an expert in peritoneal surface malignancies, which include cancers that have originated from or spread to the peritoneal lining (lining of the abdominal cavity). He treats people with pseudomyxoma peritonei, appendiceal cancer (low grade and high grade), colorectal cancer, sarcomas (desmoplastic small round cell tumors), mesothelioma, and gynecologic malignancies (epithelial ovarian cancer, primary peritoneal carcinoma, borderline mucinous tumor of the ovary).

Anne M. Wallace, MD
Director, Comprehensive Breast Health Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Breast Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Bio:
Anne M. Wallace, MD, is a board-certified general and plastic surgeon who specializes in all aspects of breast health, with a focus on breast cancer and breast reconstruction. She directs UC San Diego Health’s Comprehensive Breast Health Center, which offers premier breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and personalized care. Dr. Wallace’s other specialties include melanoma diagnosis and treatment, as well as all forms of cosmetic breast and body contouring surgery.
Rebekah R. (Becke) White, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rebekah White, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating tumors of the pancreas, liver, bile duct, and upper gastrointestinal tract such as the stomach. Dr. White is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where she works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide cancer patients with advanced surgical options that are best suited to their individual needs.
Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery
Co-Director, Center for Fluorescence-Guided Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery,
Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers,
Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in
docrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine
Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego
Health. Dr. Bouvet’s expertise includes performing surgery for benign and
cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism,
Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer;
minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic
adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid
glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.
Surgery - Trauma

**Allison E. Berndtson, MD, FACS**
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**  
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

**Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS**
Surgical Intensivist  
Associate Professor of Surgery  
Medical Director, Trauma

**Specialty:**  
Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**  
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's **Level 1 Trauma Center**, which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

Leslie Kobayashi, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-6222
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Surgery - Trauma (cont.)

**Amy E. Liepert, MD, FACS**
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**
Amy E. Liepert, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients that have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency general surgery for issues such as appendicitis, gallstones, hernias, diverticulitis and acute bowel emergencies.

**Jessica Weaver, MD, PhD**
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**
Jessica L. Weaver, MD, PhD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias. She also provides elective general surgery consultations at the outpatient clinic in Hillcrest medical offices.
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