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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health.

Farshad M. Ahadian, MD
Medical Director, Center For Pain Medicine
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Farshad M. Ahadian, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care for a broad range of pain conditions. His areas of expertise and interest include minimally invasive treatments for neurogenic claudication from lumbar spinal stenosis and lumbar discogenic pain; neurostimulation (including spinal cord and peripheral nerve field stimulation); interventional therapies for the head and neck region; spinal diagnostics and therapeutics; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for joint pain; integrative medicine and medical acupuncture.

Dalia A. Banks, MD, FASE
Division Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Dalia A. Banks, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in cardiothoracic anesthesia. Cardiothoracic anesthesiologists provide anesthesia for people undergoing surgical procedures which may involve the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest.

Benjamin Beal, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management
Add'l Language:
Italian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Dr. Benjamin Beal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His training includes the treatment of acute and chronic pain via interventional and medication based therapies. His areas of specialty include fluoroscopic guided interventional spine injections, spinal cord stimulation, and ultrasound guided techniques.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Jonathan Benumof, MD
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Benumof is a Professor of Anesthesia in the School of Medicine at University of California, San Diego.

Alyssa Brittany Brzenski, MD
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Michael L. Bishop, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
"My goal is to ensure that each patient receives the highest quality anesthesia care. This includes attention to the patient's psychological needs, whether it be informational or emotional support."

Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
Tamil

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

Bio:
Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, is an anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. Dr. Chakravarthy performs a variety of procedures to treat chronic pain, specializing in dorsal root stimulation therapy, a type of neurostimulation therapy designed to manage pain in areas of the lower body such as the foot, knee, hip or groin; dorsal column stimulation; and peripheral nerve stimulation.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Leon Chang, MD
Associate Clinical Director
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Add'l Language:
Mandarin

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

Bio:
2007 to present- Staff Anesthesiologist at University of California, San Diego.

Ching-Rong Cheng, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Add'l Language:
Chinese

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

John Cornell Drummond, MD
Professor of Anesthesiology
Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Drummond has extensive experience in the field of anesthesia for neurosurgery.

Kristin Eck Fairbanks, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
I believe in treating each patient with patience and kindness, as if they were my own family member.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Byron Douglas Fergerson, MD
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Timothy Furnish, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800
Bio:
Timothy Furnish, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, particularly chronic pain and acute, post-surgical pain.

Mark Greenberg, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Randolph Hastings, MD, PhD
Professor
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Brian M. Ilfeld, MD, MS - Clinical Investigation
Professor
Professor, In Residence

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Dr. Ilfeld completed medical school at the University of California at San Francisco, internship in OB/GYN at the University of California at Los Angeles, residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California at San Francisco, and a fellowship in regional anesthesia at the University of Florida.

Joel Kaplan, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Brian P Lemkuil, MD
Neuroanesthetist
Assistant Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:

Albert Y. Leung, MD
Anesthesiologist and Pain Management Specialist
Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pain Management

Add'l Languages:
Cantonese, Mandarin

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Albert Y. Leung, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Leung has over 20 years’ experience caring for people with chronic pain, and offers a range of interventional and minimally invasive procedures, as well as medication management.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Gerard Manecke, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

William J. Mazzei, MD
Medical Director, Peri-Operative Services
Clinical Professor
Vice Chairman, Technology Development

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Bio:
Dr. Mazzei may be contacted at (619)543-5754

Timothy M Maus, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Sidney K. Merritt, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California San Diego (2001 - present)
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Mark Mitchell, MD  
Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology

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

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

**Bio:**  
Commitment to excellence in teaching, UC San Diego Anesthesiology Residency.

Liem Nguyen, MD  
Staff Anesthesiologist  
Assistant Professor

**Specialty:**  
Anesthesiology

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

Gregory R. Polston, MD  
Pain Management Specialist  
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialties:**  
Pain Management, Anesthesiology

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800

**Bio:**  
Gregory R. Polston, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain. His expertise includes chronic pain, postoperative pain, cancer pain and spine-related pain.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Pariza Rahman, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Luis M. Rivera, MD, MSEE
Clinical Instructor
Faculty Physician
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Add'l Language: Spanish
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Dr. Rivera's goal is to make the anesthesia process a safe and pleasant one by combining techniques and tailoring the anesthetic to each individual patient.

Steve Rossi, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

David M Roth, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Ramon Sanchez, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact: New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Navparkash S. Sandhu, MD
Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Add'l Languages:
Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Gerhard Schulteis, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Robin Seaberg, MD
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA
Anesthesiologist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

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

Bio:
Jaspreet Somal, MBBS, FRCA, is a board-certified anesthesiologist with subspecialty training in critical care and neurosurgical anesthesia. He oversees anesthesia care for UC San Diego Health's acoustic neuroma program.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Linda Sorkin, MD
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Preetham J. Suresh, MD
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Education Director
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Mark Steven Wallace, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Chair, Division of Pain Medicine
Specialties:
Pain Management, Anesthesiology
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-3800
Bio:
Mark Wallace, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist who specializes in multi-modal pain management. As a pain management specialist, he evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of pain, though most of his patients are affected by chronic pain.

Ruth S. Waterman, MD
Anesthesiologist
Interim Chair of Anesthesiology
Specialty:
Anesthesiology
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Bio:
Ruth Waterman, MD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She provides anesthesia for patients undergoing surgical or therapeutic procedures while monitoring the patient’s condition and supporting vital organ functions. As an anesthesiologist, she also diagnoses and treats both acute and chronic pain, as well as provides medical management for patients with critical illnesses and severe injuries.

Bio:
Dr. Suresh completed his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. He then worked as a private practice anesthesiologist at Alta Bates Summit Hospital where he was a partner in the East Bay Anesthesia Medical Group. While there, he specialized in acute pain management, regional anesthesia for orthopedic surgery and high risk obstetric anesthesia.
Anesthesiology (cont.)

Lawrence Weinstein, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

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

Anesthesiology - Critical Care

Erik Kistler, MD

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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

Daniel Edward Lee, MD, PhD

Anesthesiologist and Pediatric Intensivist
Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
Critical Care

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Daniel E. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist and pediatrician who provides critical care services and anesthesia for children admitted to UC San Diego Health's Regional Burn Center, the only burn center in San Diego and Imperial Counties. He also provides anesthesia for patients of all ages at UC San Diego Health hospitals in Hillcrest and La Jolla, and at Rady Children's Hospital.
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

**Angela Meier, MD, PhD**
Anesthesiologist

- **Specialty:** Anesthesiology
- **Subspecialty:** Critical Care
- **Add'l Language:** German

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

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**Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD**
Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

- **Specialty:** Anesthesiology
- **Subspecialty:** Critical Care
- **Add'l Language:** Farsi

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Chief, Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine

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**Beverly J. Newhouse, MD**
Anesthesiologist
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology

- **Specialty:** Anesthesiology
- **Subspecialty:** Critical Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
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**Albert Nguyen, MD**
Assistant Clinical Professor

- **Specialty:** Anesthesiology
- **Subspecialty:** Critical Care
- **Add'l Language:** Vietnamese

**Jacobs Medical Center**
* Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Anesthesiology - Critical Care (cont.)

Kimberly S Robbins, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric)

Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric) makes changes to your digestive system to help you lose weight by limiting how much you can eat or reducing the absorption of nutrients, or both. Learn more about weight-loss surgery (bariatric) at UC San Diego Health.

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.

Eduardo Grunvald, MD
Obesity Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Weight Management Program
Professor of Medicine

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

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

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

**Bio:**
Eduardo Grunvald, MD, is a board-certified obesity medicine physician. As part of UC San Diego Health’s bariatric surgery team, Dr. Grunvald evaluates and manages patients before and after surgery, and helps people long-term with their health and weight loss journey. He also directs the weight management program, which includes nutrition, behavior, and lifestyle support.
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric) (cont.)

Santiago Horgan, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery
Director, Center for the Future of 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.
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