UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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

Patient Access

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

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

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

→ Find a Doctor
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: doctors.ucsd.edu.

Referring Physician Access

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

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

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

Plastic surgery is the branch of surgery which repairs external damaged tissue, remedies physical impairments or aesthetically enhances. Learn more about plastic surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
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
Plastic Surgery - Cosmetic Surgery

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:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Dr. Dobke graduated from the Medical Academy in Gdansk, Poland in 1974. He is board certified in plastic surgery both in the United States and Poland. Throughout his career, Dr. Dobke has combined the practice of plastic surgery with research. He has developed a large practice in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, with a special interest and clinical expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast, facial rejuvenation, and application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery. Recently, Dr. Dobke added research on stem cell technology for cosmetic and breast reconstructive surgery purposes to his expertise portfolio and is currently working on applications of telemedicine for the management of wounds and plastic surgery consultations. Tissue contouring with fillers (including permanent material Artefill) is available in his clinic.

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
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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 aesthetic surgery.
Plastic Surgery - Cosmetic Surgery (cont.)

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

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

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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).

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

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:
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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.
Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive Surgery

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Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
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Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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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 System.

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

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.

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.)

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.

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

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