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Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine is the medical specialty dealing with the immediate treatment of patients whose condition is critical, requiring immediate action. Learn more about emergency medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Ilona Barash, MD, PhD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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Christanne H. Coffey, MD, FACEP

Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Christanne Hoffman Coffey, MD, FACEP, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. She treats and cares for people in the emergency department, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Theodore (Ted) Chan, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

Emergency Medicine Physician
Chair of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600

Bio:
Theodore "Ted" Chan, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.

Kama Z. Guluma, MD

Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

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Emergency Medicine (cont.)

David Guss, MD  
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine

Contact:  
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Bio:  
“Education and training is a lifetime experience. Learn from every patient encounter and from your colleagues and students. Teaching and sharing important experiences with colleagues proves to be the most effective personal educational experience.”

Lisa Lowe, MD

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Paul Ishimine, MD  
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine

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Bio:  
UC San Diego Health Links

Fraid Mostamand, DO

Specialty:  
Emergency Medicine

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Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Sean-Xavier Neath, MD, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Add'l Languages: French, Spanish
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Leslie C Oyama, MD
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
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Elaine Sapiro, MD

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
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Christian M. Sloane, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Add'l Language: Spanish
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Emergency Medicine (cont.)

Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, FACEP
Medical Director, Emergency Department
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialties:
Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

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Bio:
Vaishal Tolia, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization and referring patients to appropriate specialty departments.
Christopher R (Kit) Tainter, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Critical Care

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Jacobs Medical Center

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Bio:
Christopher "Kit" Tainter, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in critical care medicine. As a specialist in anesthesiology critical care medicine, Dr. Tainter treats individuals with critical illnesses or injuries, particularly trauma victims and people with multiple organ dysfunction. His professional interests include resuscitation and point-of-care ultrasound.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine

Irving Jacoby, MD
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Hebrew

Encinitas - North El Camino Real
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 452-2222

Bio:
After 32 years of working in the Emergency Department, I will be taking retirement from UC San Diego, but look forward to maintaining my ties with the department on a part-time basis in the future. I will be continuing my work with the San Diego DMAT, and hope to be able to do many things I have put off for way too long.

Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH
Chief, Division of Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Medicine
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Disaster Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Bio:
Christopher Kahn, MD, MPH, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He treats and cares for people admitted to the emergency room and those with life-threatening or critical conditions. This care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.
Emergency Medicine - Disaster Medicine (cont.)

Dr. Gary M. Vilke, MD
Clinical Service Chief, Emergency Medicine
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty: Disaster Medicine

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Bio:
Gary M. Vilke, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He is the clinical service chief of Emergency Medicine at UC San Diego Health and co-medical director of the Emergency Departments in Hillcrest and La Jolla, where he oversees the care for people with acute illnesses and injuries. Dr. Vilke’s expertise includes evaluation, immediate decision making and treatment to prevent further harm or disability in patients.
Emergency Medicine - Emergency Ultrasound

Colleen Campbell, MD
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialty:
Emergency Ultrasound

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

Anthony John Medak, MD
Associate Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine

Subspecialties:
Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Contact:
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Bio:
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Encinitas - North El Camino Real

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 452-2222

Bio:
Caesar Anderson, MD, MPH, is a physician who specializes in hyperbaric medicine and limb salvaging with board certification in the practice of advanced wound care. He has expertise in the use of bioengineered skin substitutes and non-invasive vascular testing. Dr. Anderson serves as medical director of UC San Diego Health's Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care program in Encinitas.

Ian Grover, MD
Medical Director, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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Bio:
Ian Grover, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. His expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health's Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Grover assesses a person's fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

Stephen R. Hayden, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Contact:
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Bio:
Stephen R. Hayden, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, graduated from the accelerated six-year biomedical program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society. He did a General Surgery internship at the San Diego Naval Hospital, which was followed by a tour of duty as senior flight surgeon for the Naval Strike Warfare Center at the NAS Fallon, Nevada.

Irving Jacoby, MD
Attending Physician, Dept of Emergency Medicine & Hyperbaric Medicine
Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine & Surgery

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialties:
Disaster Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
Add'l Language:
Hebrew

Encinitas - North El Camino Real
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Bio:
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Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

James Killeen, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician
Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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**Bio:**
James Killeen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Emi Latham, MD
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Diving Medicine Specialist

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialty:**
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6222

**Bio:**
Emi Latham, MD, is a board-certified emergency physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. Her expertise includes preventing and treating disease and injury in divers and other individuals working in altered atmospheric conditions. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Latham assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

**Anthony John Medak, MD**
Associate Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:** Emergency Medicine
**Subspecialties:** Emergency Ultrasound, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**
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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6463

**Bio:**
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

**Brian Snyder, MD**
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

**Specialty:** Emergency Medicine
**Subspecialty:** Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

**Davut Savaser, MD**

**Specialty:** Emergency Medicine
**Subspecialty:** Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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**Bio:**
Dr. Medak's areas of interest and research are in the uses of bedside Emergency Department Ultrasound, as well as Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

**Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD**

**Specialty:** Emergency Medicine
**Subspecialties:** Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

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**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.
Emergency Medicine - Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care (cont.)

Karen Van Hoesen, MD
Director, Diving Medicine
Co-Director, San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

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Bio:
Karen Van Hoesen, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who specializes in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. She is recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on diving medicine. Within UC San Diego Health’s Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care Program, Dr. Van Hoesen assesses a person’s fitness to dive, treats diving accidents and uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) to treat conditions such as decompression illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, non-healing wounds and tissue damage from radiation, burns or infection. She is also the co-director of the San Diego Center of Excellence in Diving (SDCED).

Peter Witucki, MD
Associate Physician

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Dr. Witucki joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 after completing a fellowship in Hyperbarics/Diving Medicine at UC San Diego. He practices Emergency Medicine as well as Hyperbaric Medicine. He serves as a Diving Medical Officer in the US Naval Reserves.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology

Richard F. Clark, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Director, Division of Toxicology
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Bio:
Dr. Richard Clark, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. He treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. His care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments.

Allyson Kreshak, MD, FACEP, FACMT
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Bio:
Allyson Kreshak, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. She treats and cares for patients in the emergency department and urgent care, including those with life-threatening or critical conditions. Her care may include evaluation, resuscitation, stabilization, and referring patients to appropriate medical departments. As a medical toxicologist, she also provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.
Emergency Medicine - Medical Toxicology (cont.)

Binh T. Ly, MD
Medical Toxicologist
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Bio:
Binh Ly, MD, is a board-certified medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and other related problems.

Alicia Minns, MD

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Bio:
Alicia Minns, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. She provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and related illnesses.

Aaron Schneir, MD
Emergency Medicine Physician and Medical Toxicologist
Professor of Emergency Medicine

Specialty:
Emergency Medicine
Subspecialty:
Medical Toxicology

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Bio:
Aaron Schneir, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical toxicologist. He provides bedside assessment and management of both inpatients and outpatients with poisonings, overdoses, bites, stings, and related illnesses.
Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD

**Specialty:**
Emergency Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Medical Toxicology, Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
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**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Dr. Tomaszewski specializes in emergency medicine, medical toxicology and underwater medicine. He is chairman of the education committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology.
Stroke Care

Stroke care is the medical treatment for a stroke — when the blood supply to part of your brain is interrupted or severely reduced, resulting in the sudden death of brain cells. Learn more about stroke care at UC San Diego Health.

Kunal Agrawal, MD
Neurologist
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

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

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

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke
Add'l Language:
German

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

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

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

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Neurocritical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6291

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

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).
Stroke Care (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspecialty:
Stroke

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Royya Modir, MD
Neurologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences

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

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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

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

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

J. Scott Pannell, MD
Neurointerventional Radiologist

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Bio:
J. Scott Pannell, MD, is a neurointerventional radiologist who specializes in endovascular neurosurgery and neuroradiology. Dr. Pannell focuses on the catheter-based treatment of ischemic stroke, cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, vascular tumors, and interventional management of pain associated with disorders of the spine (such as spine blocks).
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