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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92039

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest
Hillcrest Emergency
UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

4th and Lewis Medical Offices
330 Lewis Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices North
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices South
4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103

UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Rancho Bernardo
Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

Encinitas
Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

Downtown
Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hematology (the study of “blood diseases”) is the branch of internal medicine that is concerned with the study of blood, blood-forming organs, and blood diseases. Learn more about [hematology/blood diseases](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

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**John W Adamson, MD**  
Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer  
**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

**La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6028

**Bio:**  
John Adamson, MD is a board-certified hematologist with a special focus in red blood cell, iron metabolism and platelet disorders. A core member of the team at UC San Diego Health’s Hemophilia Treatment Center, he helps provide specialized care for people with bleeding and clotting disorders.

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**Edward (Ted) Ball, MD**  
Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer  
**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

**Moores Cancer Center**  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

**Bio:**  
Edward Ball, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who treats individuals with blood-related cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. In his role as director and chief of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Ball offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

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**Elizabeth S. Allen, MD**  
Pathologist  
Assistant Professor of Pathology

**Specialties:**  
Pathology, Hematology/Blood Diseases

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

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

**Bio:**  
Elizabeth Allen, MD, is a board-certified pathologist who specializes in transfusion medicine, a subspecialty of pathology, encompassing blood donation, transfusion practices, stem cell collections and cellular therapy.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Rafael Bejar, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Rafael Bejar, MD, PhD, is board-certified in internal medicine, oncology, and hematology, with a special interest in hematologic malignancies (blood cancers). He specializes in the care of patients with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and related blood disorders.

Michael Choi, MD
Medical Staff Physician
Clinical Instructor

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Choi is a hematologist and medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of patients with blood cancers and other blood disorders, with an emphasis on chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). He is a part of UC San Diego's CLL research team, collaborating with the laboratories of Drs. Thomas Kipps, Januario Castro, and Dennis Carson to help develop new therapies for patients with blood cancers. His clinical research interests include highly targeted novel therapies that can be used to treat blood cancers in a personalize and molecularly-driven manner.

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Caitlin Costello, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Additional Language:
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Caitlin Costello, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care throughout stem cell transplants, and follow-up survivorship care.

Peter T. Curtin, MD
Clinical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Peter Curtin, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and oncologist who treats patients with blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloma. In his role as clinical director of Blood and Marrow Transplantation at UC San Diego Health, he leads an interdisciplinary team of physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, social workers and support staff. Dr. Curtin offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Natalie Galanina, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Precision Medicine, Immunotherapy

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Natalie Galanina, MD, is a hematologist who specializes in treating patients with lymphoid malignancies, including lymphoma and leukemia, as well as rare hematologic tumors.

Aaron Goodman, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Precision Medicine

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Aaron Goodman, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating a variety of blood cancers, including acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) and multiple myeloma. He also helps people with inherited or benign blood disorders. Dr. Goodman performs stem cell transplants for cancer treatment, included autologous (stem cells come from the individual receiving the transplant) and allogeneic (the stem cells come from a matched donor) transplants.

Srila Gopal, MBBS
Hematologist

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Srila Gopal, MBBS, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with blood disorders. She has a particular focus on hemoglobinopathies, including sickle cell disease, thalassemia, other anemias, and bleeding, clotting and white blood cell disorders. Dr. Gopal leads UC San Diego Health's adult sickle cell disease program.

Teresa Helsten, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Teresa Helsten, MD, is a board-certified oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Helsten provides comprehensive care for women with breast cancer and offers patients the opportunity to enroll in cooperative group trials as well as industry-sponsored and investigator-initiated clinical trials.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.

Benjamin Heyman, MD
Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Benjamin Heyman, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who treats patients with blood cancers such as lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma.

Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Catriona Jamieson, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist with broad clinical expertise in caring for patients with hematologic malignancies. As hematology team leader for the Division of Hematology/Oncology at UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center, Dr. Jamieson’s clinical interests include the treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms including chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), polycythemia vera (PV), myelofibrosis and essential thrombocythemia. She is also the principal investigator on several clinical trials for the treatment of these and related bone marrow disorders.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Dan S. Kaufman, MD, PhD  
Hematologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases  
Subspecialty:  
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center  
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:  
Dan Kaufman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in caring for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. He is one of the physicians with the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial consultation and diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care. Dr. Kaufman’s expertise and areas of interest include cell-based immunotherapies, stem cells, regenerative medicine and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated therapy. He offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.

Thomas James Kipps, MD, PhD  
Hematologist  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases  
Subspecialty:  
Leukemia & Lymphoma  
Add'l Language:  
German

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:  
Thomas J. Kipps, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist with a distinguished career in cancer research. He currently serves as the Deputy Director of Research Operations for UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center. He is the author of more than 200 publications and is the principal investigator on several peer-reviewed grants, including the NCI award for the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Consortium involving collaboration with eight other cancer centers.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Divya T. Koura, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Add'l Language:
Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Divya T. Koura, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. She is part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment. This includes initial diagnosis, treatment to help achieve remission, care during stem cell transplant procedures, and follow-up survivorship care.

Carolyn Mulroney, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Carolyn M. Mulroney, MD, is a hematologist and medical oncologist who provides autologous and allogeneic transplants to adults with a wide range of blood cancers and blood disorders, including lymphoma, leukemia, anemia, Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), myelodysplasia, multiple myeloma, light-chain (AL) amyloidosis and graft versus host disease (GVHD). Dr. Mulroney offers chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphoma, a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy harnesses the patient’s own immune cells to recognize and kill cancer cells. It is just one of many types of personalized cancer therapies offered at UC San Diego Health.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Erin Reid, MD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer, HIV/AIDS
Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Erin Reid, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with a wide range of hematologic and HIV-related malignancies, including lymphoma and Kaposi sarcoma. She sees patients at both Moores Cancer Center and the Owen Clinic, a comprehensive HIV care center.

Tony Reid, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6191
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
As a physician, I strongly believe that we need better and more advanced therapies to treat cancer, but I also feel it is very important to carefully tailor the treatment to the individual patient. There is an increasing array of options for treatment for cancer including chemotherapy, targeted therapies, surgery and radiation and many patients need a combined and coordinated strategy that may include several of these options to achieve the optimal results. We have excellent surgeons and radiation therapists at UC San Diego Healthcare and we work closely as a team to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Sanford J Shattil, MD
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Shattil's clinical interests are in general hematology, with a particular focus on disorders of blood platelets, bleeding disorders and the diagnosis and treatment of arterial and venous thrombosis. His basic research interests are in the areas of cell adhesion and cell signaling in normal and abnormal blood and vascular cells.

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

**Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD**  
Hematologist  

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer  

**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Moores Cancer Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100  

**Bio:**  
Tiffany N. Tanaka, MD, is a board-certified hematologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers and blood disorders, with an emphasis on myeloid malignancies.

**Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD**  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialties:**  
Cancer, Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Hematology/Blood Diseases  

**Subspecialty:**  
Leukemia & Lymphoma  

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

**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600  

**Bio:**  
Dimitrios Tzachanis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who specializes in treating people with cancers of the blood and lymph system, including lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN). He is a transplant physician for the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides comprehensive blood and marrow transplant services, including autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplantation.
Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Annette von Drygalski, MD, PharmD
Director, Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Add'l Languages:
French, German

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6028

Bio:
Annette von Drygalski, MD, PharmD, is a board-certified hematologist who cares for people with diseases of the blood, spleen and lymph. She directs the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center at UC San Diego Health. In this role, Dr. von Drygalski developed translational and clinical research interests addressing the evolving needs of aging patients with hemophilia, such as cardiovascular and joint disease.

Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Blood & Marrow Transplant - BMT, Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialty:
Leukemia & Lymphoma

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6600

Bio:
Matthew Wieduwilt, MD, PhD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist who cares for people with blood cancers, with a special focus in acute leukemia and bone marrow transplantation. He is a part of the joint UC San Diego Health / Sharp Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, which provides patients with the unique opportunity to receive care from the same physician throughout all phases of blood cancer treatment.
Stroke Care

Stoke 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 System.

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.

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.
Stroke Care (cont.)

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 - 4510 Executive Drive

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).

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

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

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
Assistant Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care

Subspecialty:
Stroke

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

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.
Stroke Care (cont.)

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

Specialties:
- Neurosurgery, Neurology, Stroke Care

Subspecialties:
- Endovascular Neurosurgery, Stroke

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

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

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

Specialties:
- Neurosurgery, Radiology, Stroke Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
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