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Locations

**La Jolla**
- **La Jolla Emergency**
  Sulphizio Cardiovascular Center
  9434 Medical Center Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92037

- **La Jolla Urgent Care**
  8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92037

- **Orthopedics Urgent Care**
  Sports Medicine
  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 92037

- **Sulphizio Cardiovascular Center**
  9434 Medical Center Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92037

- **Moores Cancer Center**
  3855 Health Sciences Drive
  La Jolla, CA 92037

- **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

- **Sorrento Valley**
  4910 Directors Place
  San Diego, CA 92121

- **Scripps Ranch**
  9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
  San Diego, CA 92131

- **Kearny Mesa**
  7910 Frost Street
  San Diego, CA 92123

- **Chula Vista**
  959 Lane Avenue
  Chula Vista, CA 91914

- **Temecula**
  31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
  Temecula, CA 92592
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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:
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.
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