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](http://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.

Refer Your Patient
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.
## Locations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>La Jolla</td>
<td>4510 and 4520 Executive Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92121</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8910 Villa La Jolla Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8899 and 8929 University Center Lane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92122</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8939 Villa La Jolla Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9333 Genesee Avenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92121</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8950 Villa La Jolla Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shiley Eye Institute</td>
<td>9415 Campus Point Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center</td>
<td>9434 Medical Center Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moores Cancer Center</td>
<td>3855 Health Sciences Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jacobs Medical Center</td>
<td>9300 Campus Point Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>La Jolla, CA 92037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hillcrest</td>
<td>4th and Lewis Medical Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>330 Lewis Street</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical Offices North</td>
<td>200 West Arbor Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical Offices South</td>
<td>4168 Front Street</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UC San Diego Medical Center</td>
<td>200 West Arbor Drive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Encinitas</td>
<td>1200 Garden View Road</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Encinitas, CA 92024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>477 North El Camino Real</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Encinitas, CA 92024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vista</td>
<td>910 Sycamore Avenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Vista, CA 92081</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scripps Ranch</td>
<td>9909 Mira Mesa Blvd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92131</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

health.ucsd.edu | Patient Access 800-926-8273 | Physician Access 855-543-0555
Table of Contents

Stroke Care .................................................................................................................................................. 1
Index ......................................................................................................................................................... 4
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 System.

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

Specialties:
Neurology, Stroke Care
Subspeciality:
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
Subspeciality:
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
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Chair of Neurosurgery
Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Stroke Care

Subspecialties:
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, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in cranial and endovascular surgery. He is chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and director of endovascular neurosurgery. 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.
## Index

### H
- Hemmen, Thomas ........................................... 1

### K
- Karanjia, Navaz .............................................. 1

### M
- Khalessi, Alexander A. ................................. 2
- Meyer, Brett C .............................................. 2
- Modir, Royya ............................................... 2

### O
- Olson, Scott E. .............................................. 3

### P
- Pannell, J. Scott ........................................... 3