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Hepatology (Liver)

Hepatology is a medical specialty that incorporates the study of the liver, gallbladder, biliary tract, and pancreas as well as management of their disorders. Learn more about hepatology at UC San Diego Health.

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation

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**Bio:**
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Pranab M. Barman, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

- **Specialties:** Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
- **Subspecialty:** Liver Transplantation
- **Add'l Languages:** Hindi, Spanish

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**Bio:**
Pranab Barman, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in liver disease (hepatology) and transplantation. He treats patients with liver cancer, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatitis. Dr. Barman's expertise is in transplant hepatology, caring for patients both before and after transplantation.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Tarek Hassanein, MD  
Hepatologist  
Director of Outreach Services, Liver Transplant Program

**Specialty:**  
Hepatology (Liver)

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**Bio:**  
Tarek Hassanein, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist who specializes in liver disease. He is focused on the management of viral hepatitis, fatty liver disease, cirrhosis, and care of patients before and after liver transplantation.

Saumya Jayakumar, MD, FRCPC  
Hepatologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation

**Subspecialty:**  
Liver Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**  
Tamil

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**Bio:**  
Saumya Jayakumar, MD, is a hepatologist who treats patients with liver disease. Her clinical and research interests include end-stage liver disease, liver transplant and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Yuko Kono, MD, PhD  
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist  
Professor of Medicine and Radiology

**Specialties:**  
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

**Subspecialty:**  
Liver Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**  
Japanese

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**Bio:**  
Yuko Kono, MD, PhD is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Hindi

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Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD
Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

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Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist. In addition to colonoscopies, he has expertise in performing upper and lower GI endoscopies and percutaneous liver biopsies to diagnose and treat patients with digestive and liver diseases including liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease and hepatitis.
Hepatology (Liver) (cont.)

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Languages:
Russian, Spanish

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Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.

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.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Marek Dobke, MD  
Plastic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery  

**Specialties:**  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery  

**Subspecialty:**  
Cosmetic Surgery  

**Add'l Language:**  
Polish  

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**Bio:**  
Marek Dobke, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon with expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast and in facial rejuvenation, as well as in the application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery.

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  

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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746  

**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 cosmetic surgery.
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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Bio:
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).

Christopher Reid, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Encinitas - Garden View Road

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 294-3746
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Christopher Reid, MD, is a plastic surgeon with expertise in microsurgery, breast reconstruction, complex reconstruction, and aesthetic surgery of the breast and body. He performs breast reconstruction with a variety of flap surgery methods, including DIEP flap, TRAM flap, SGAP flap and PAP flap.

Mark Rechnic, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Contact:
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Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

**Add'l Language:**
Arabic

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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.
**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  

**Contact:**  
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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 cosmetic surgery.

**Frederic J. Kolb, MD**  
Plastic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery  

**Specialties:**  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Cancer  

**Subspecialty:**  
Reconstructive Surgery  

**Add'l Language:**  
French  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 294-3746  
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100  

**Bio:**  
Frederic Kolb, MD, MS, MRes, is an internationally recognized board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oncologic reconstruction, correcting defects following breast, head and neck, skin, and soft tissue and sarcoma resections. He performs breast oncologic surgery and reconstruction with autologous perforator flaps, in addition to head and reconstruction with all variety of chimeric flaps.
Plastic Surgery - Reconstructive 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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Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Mark Rechnic, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

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Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

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