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John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

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

Bio:
John F. Alksne, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who focuses on the care of patients with neurological conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia (tic douloreux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.

Thomas L. Beaumont, MD, PhD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Language:
Italian

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

Bio:
Thomas Beaumont, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in skull base and minimally invasive cranial surgery. He performs both open microsurgery and endoscopic approaches for brain, skull base and pituitary tumors where he tailors the surgical approach to provide maximally effective yet minimally invasive neurosurgical care. Dr. Beaumont has a passion for the treatment of meningiomas, pituitary tumors, craniopharyngiomas and clival chordomas, and is an expert in the endoscopic endonasal approach (EEA). Additionally, he treats cavernous malformations, cranial nerve compression syndromes and craniocervical junction disease.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Andrew (Drew) Bruggeman, MD  
Radiation Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer, Palliative Care  
Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Neurological Oncology  

Moores Cancer Center  
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Andrew Bruggeman, MD, is a radiation oncologist who specializes in using therapeutic radiation for palliative care. He works closely with the palliative care team at Moores Cancer Center to provide relief with palliative radiotherapy to people with cancer. He also treats patients with lymphoma and brain cancers.

Jona Hattangadi-Gluth, MD  
Chief of Central Nervous System Tumor Service, Radiation Oncology  
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer  
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Breast Cancer  

Moores Cancer Center  
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Jona Hattangadi-Gluth, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating primary and metastatic brain tumors, as well as breast cancer. As a radiation oncologist, she uses high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. Her expertise includes stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT).

Joseph D Ciacci, MD  
Neurosurgeon  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer  
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology, Spine  

Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Joseph Ciacci, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon with extensive experience in neuro-oncology of the spine and brain. Dr. Ciacci's primary interests are tumors of the spine and brain, complex spinal reconstruction, and stereotactic radiosurgery, a form of radiation therapy that focuses high-power energy on a small area of the body.
Hatim Husain, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Urdu

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5182

Bio:
Hatim Husain, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating lung cancer and brain tumors. He strives to provide the highest level of care for his patients and their families. Dr. Husain uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, hormonal, biological, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options.

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).
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

David Piccioni, MD, PhD
Neuro-Oncologist
Associate Professor of Neurosciences
Director of Clinical Neuro-Oncology

Specialties:
Cancer, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6346

Bio:
David Piccioni, MD, PhD, is a certified neuro-oncologist and board-certified neurologist who specializes in treating primary and metastatic tumors of the brain and nervous system. He also has expertise in treating neurological complications of cancer and side effects of brain cancer treatment, such as headaches and seizures.

Douglas Rahn, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Additional Language:
Spanish

Chula Vista - Lane Avenue
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 502-7730

Bio:
Douglas Rahn, MD, is a radiation oncologist with specialized training and experience in a variety of radiation therapy techniques, including radiosurgery, stereotactic body radiation therapy, intensity-modulated radiation therapy and electronic brachytherapy. He treats a wide range of cancer types, including skin, central nervous system, head and neck, lung, breast, genitourinary, gastrointestinal and lymphoma.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Jeremy N. Rich, MD, MHS
Neuro-oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Neurology
Subspecialty:
Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Jeremy Rich, MD, MHS, MBA, is a certified neuro-oncologist and renowned physician-scientist who specializes in diagnosing and treating brain tumors, including gliomas (e.g. glioblastoma, astrocytoma, brainstem glioma, ependymoma, and oligodendroglioma) and brain metastases. As part of a multidisciplinary approach, Dr. Rich works closely with neurosurgeons and medical and radiation oncologists to provide comprehensive treatment plans unique to each patient.

Brent Rose, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Head & Neck Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Brent Rose, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating prostate cancer, head and neck cancer, skin cancer, brain metastases and primary brain tumors. As a radiation oncologist, Dr. Rose uses carefully targeted, high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. His expertise includes conformal radiation therapy (CRT), intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and high-dose rate (HDR) and low-dose rate (LDR) brachytherapy.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

**Parag Sanghvi, MD, MSPH**
Radiation Oncologist
Vice Chair and Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Add'l Languages:
Gujarati, Hindi

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Parag Sanghvi, MD, MSPH, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in the treatment and management of skin cancers, head cancers, neck cancers, leukemias, lymphomas and brain tumors.

**Marc S. Schwartz, MD**
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Neurosurgery:: (619) 543-5540
Direct Clinic Line - ENT/Head & Neck Surgery:: (858) 657-8590
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center:: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Marc Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally renowned expert on the treatment of patients with acoustic neuromas, skull base tumors, and neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). He is also the recognized neurosurgical leader in the field of auditory brainstem implants. In addition, Dr. Schwartz treats complex cranial problems, meningiomas, brain tumors, pituitary tumors, cranial nerve disorders, and intradural spine tumors.

**Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD**
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road

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

Bio:
Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who sees people with a variety of cancers such as brain cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Daniel R. Simpson, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
Chula Vista - Lane Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6040

Bio:
Daniel R. Simpson, MD, is a radiation oncologist who specializes in treating cancer of the liver, gastrointestinal tract and central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord). Dr. Simpson uses carefully targeted, high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. He is experienced in intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT), stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT). Dr. Simpson also manages the care and treatment of cancer patients and works closely with other doctors, including medical and surgical oncologists, to provide comprehensive care.

James Urbanic, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology, Urologic Cancer

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0500

Bio:
James Urbanic, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist and the medical director of Radiation Oncology Services in Encinitas. He specializes in a variety of radiotherapy and radiosurgical techniques, including intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT).
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