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.

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  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.

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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.

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## Locations

### La Jolla
- 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
### Hillcrest
- **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
### Encinitas
- **1200 Garden View Road**  
  Encinitas, CA 92024
- **477 North El Camino Real**  
  Encinitas, CA 92024
### Vista
- **910 Sycamore Avenue**  
  Vista, CA 92081
### Temecula
- **31720 Temecula Parkway**  
  Temecula, CA 92952
### Chula Vista
- **959 Lane Avenue**  
  Chula Vista, CA 91914
### Sorrento Valley
- **4910 Directors Place**  
  San Diego, CA 92121
### Kearny Mesa
- **7910 Frost Street**  
  San Diego, CA 92123
### Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
- **3020 Children’s Way**  
  San Diego, CA 92123
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John Alksne, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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 doloreux/facial pain), facial tic, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma.

Joseph D Ciacci, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Neurological Oncology

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.

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

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Neurological Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Hattangadi-Gluth serves as Chief of the Central Nervous System (CNS) Tumor and Liver Tumor Services. A graduate from Duke University in 2001, she received degrees in Biochemistry (BS) and Economics. She was a Fulbright Scholar from 2002-2003, doing public health research on HIV/AIDS in Botswana (Southern Africa). Dr. Hattangadi-Gluth received her MD from Harvard Medical School in 2007, and from 2004-2005 did a Doris Duke Research Fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. She completed residency training in Radiation Oncology in 2012 at the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program in Boston, MA—a joint program among Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Children’s Hospital of Boston, and Boston Medical Center.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Hatim Husain, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
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
Director of Neurovascular Surgery
Chair of Neurosurgery
Associate Professor of Surgery 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, 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).
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

David Piccioni, MD, PhD
Neuro-oncologist
Assistant Professor of Neuroscience

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 the neurological complications of cancer and the side effects of brain cancer treatment, such as headaches and seizures.

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 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
Clinical Vice Chair and Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Neurological Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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 - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (619) 543-5540
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (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.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

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

Additional Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View

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

Bio:
Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD, is a radiation oncologist who sees people with a variety of cancers such as central nervous system cancer, prostate cancer and skin cancer.

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
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.
Cancer - Neurological Oncology (cont.)

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

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Neurological Oncology

Encinitas - Garden View

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, image guided radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy.

Evan C. White, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Head & Neck Cancers, Neurological Oncology, Gynecological Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Urologic Cancer, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Lung Cancer

Chula Vista - Lane Avenue

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

Bio:
Evan White, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating a wide range of cancer types. His focus is in gastrointestinal, lymphoma, head and neck, lung, prostate, and skin cancer.
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