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Sarah G. Boles, MD  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Medical Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Breast Cancer, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Additional Language:  
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100

Bio:  
"I will strive to provide state-of-the-art care for patients with breast cancer, sarcoma and blood disorders, including access to clinical trials."

Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD  
Urologic Oncologist  
Professor of Urology and Radiology

Specialties:  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:  
French

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 657-7876

Bio:  
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health’s multidisciplinary program for management of kidney cancer.

Frank E. Chiarappa, MD  
Orthopedic Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:  
Orthopedics, Cancer

Subspecialty:  
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion: (858) 657-8200  
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:  
Frank Chiarappa, MD, is an orthopedic oncologist who treats children and adults with cancerous and non-cancerous musculoskeletal tumors. This includes soft tissue sarcoma and primary bone tumors such as osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma and giant cell tumors. He also treats patients with cancer that has spread to the bone from other primary sites such as the breast, lung, kidney or blood.

John P. Einck, MD  
Radiation Oncologist  
Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Gynecological Cancers, Urologic Cancer, Breast Cancer, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Additional Language:  
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:  
Dr. John Einck is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating prostate and other genitourinary cancers, as well as breast and gynecologic cancer. He is co-chair of the radiation oncology team's brachytherapy program.
Cancer - Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue) (cont.)

James H. Flint, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
James H. Flint, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating benign and malignant soft-tissue and bone tumors, including sarcoma. He treats adults and young adults over the age of 15.

Christina V. Harris, MPA, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Joint, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Christina V. Harris, MPA, is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) who works in orthopedic oncology (bone cancer) and joint reconstructions. In this capacity, she assists with preoperative and postoperative care of orthopedic patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She also educates patients on orthopedic oncology management as well as hip and knee reconstructions.

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)
Add'l 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 - Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue) (cont.)

Ajay Sandhu, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Medical Director and Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties: 
Radiation Oncology, Cancer
Subspecialties: 
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Lung Cancer, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Languages: 
Hindi, Punjabi

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - PET/CT Center

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

Bio: 
Ajay Sandhu, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating genitourinary cancers, lung cancer and sarcoma. In particular, he is interested in the application of novel radiotherapeutic approaches in these diseases including intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), and four-dimensional computed tomography (4DCT), stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) and respiratory gating.

Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties: 
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties: 
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Add'l Language: 
Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

Contact: 
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6173

Bio: 
Jason Sicklick, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating hepatobiliary diseases and sarcomas, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He has a special interest in abdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas, primary liver tumors and colorectal and neuroendocrine cancers that have metastasized to the liver.
Cancer - Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue) (cont.)

Jula Veerapong, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Jula Veerapong, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal malignancies. He is an expert in peritoneal surface malignancies, which include cancers that have originated from or spread to the peritoneal lining (lining of the abdominal cavity). He treats people with pseudomyxoma peritonei, appendiceal cancer (low grade and high grade), colorectal cancer, sarcomas (desmoplastic small round cell tumors), mesothelioma, and gynecologic malignancies (epithelial ovarian cancer, primary peritoneal carcinoma, borderline mucinous tumor of the ovary).
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