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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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Colorectal Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6277
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, is a board-certified colorectal surgeon who treats colon cancer, anal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, anal fistula, anal fissure, hemorrhoids, anal abscess, fecal incontinence, rectal prolapse, anal dysplasia and anal skin tags.

Joel M. Baumgartner, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Surgical Oncology, Pancreatic Cancer, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Joel M. Baumgartner, MD, is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. He treats tumors that have metastasized to the abdomen, using treatment known as the "chemo bath" or hyperthermic (heated) intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). This treatment involves surgical resection of all tumors followed by circulation of heated chemotherapy throughout the abdomen. This technique avoids many of the toxicities associated with systemic chemotherapy, while exposing the abdomen to higher concentrations of chemotherapy.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Michael Bouvet, MD
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Michael Bouvet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in endocrine surgery and surgical oncology. He is the director of Endocrine Surgery and co-director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Bouvet's expertise includes performing surgery for benign and cancerous thyroid nodules; parathyroidectomy for hyperparathyroidism, Whipple procedures (pancreatoduodenectomy) for pancreatic cancer; minimally invasive robotic-assisted esophagectomy; and laparoscopic adrenal surgery. He also performs surgery for tumors of the parathyroid glands, adrenal glands, liver, esophagus, stomach and pancreas.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Adam M. Burgoyne, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist

Specialty:
Cancer
Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Adam Burgoyne, MD, PhD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers or cancers that affect the digestive system. This includes cancers of the liver, esophagus, gallbladder, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, colon and appendix, as well as gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). He uses numerous forms of therapy, including traditional chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy, with an emphasis on personalized medicine to offer the best possible treatment options. He is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where he works as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.

Bryan Clary, MD, FACS
Surgeon-In-Chief
Chair and Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Bryan Clary, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who provides surgical care for patients with diseases of the liver, pancreas and bile ducts. He is a part of the gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancer teams at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. Dr. Clary has extensive experience in performing surgeries associated with cancers of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder, and bile ducts. He is nationally recognized for excellent outcomes following these complex procedures.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Samuel Eisenstein, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8860
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Samuel Eisenstein, MD, is a colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the treatment of colon cancer and other intestinal disorders, including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. He is an expert in the surgical treatment of anorectal disorders such as hemorrhoids, fistulas and fissures.

Paul T. Fanta, MD
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine, Pancreatic Cancer

Jacobs Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 657-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7000

Bio:
Paul T. Fanta, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. Because the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal cancers has dramatically changed in the past several years, his research interests include how to incorporate biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular analyses and pharmacogenomic data in the setting of prospective clinical trials—with the results of better identifying patients who will benefit from chemotherapy, avoiding toxicities from treatment, and developing a predictive therapeutic strategy unique to a patient's disease.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

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.

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

Encinitas - Garden View
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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

Bio:
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Alan W. Hemming, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Alan Hemming, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who is recognized as one of the country’s leading liver surgeons. He specializes in open and laparoscopic liver and bile duct surgery. He has performed more than 1,000 liver transplants and resections and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.

Santiago Horgan, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery
Director, Center for the Future of Surgery

Specialties:
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Surgery, Cancer, Obesity Medicine

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Santiago Horgan, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in esophageal disease, weight-loss surgery, minimally invasive surgery and new technologies and approaches for surgery. He performs a variety of weight-loss procedures including gastric sleeve, gastric plication, gastric bypass, and revisional weight-loss surgeries.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Shumei Kato, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty: Cancer
Subspecialties: Gastrointestinal Cancers, Precision Medicine
Add'l Language: Japanese

Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-2372

Bio:
Shumei Kato, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating rare cancers and gastrointestinal tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Kato has a special interest in targeted molecular therapy and his approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine and experimental therapeutics.

Kaitlyn Kelly, MD
Surgical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties: Surgical Oncology, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Kaitlyn Kelly, MD, is a surgical oncologist with board certification in general surgery and complex general surgical oncology. Her expertise includes treating benign and malignant gastrointestinal (GI) and endocrine diseases including those of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, liver, bile ducts, gallbladder, thyroid, and parathyroids, as well as skin cancers and soft-tissue sarcomas.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Lawrence P. Leichman, MD
Medical Oncologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Lawrence Leichman, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal (GI) cancers. These include cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, stomach, liver, rectum and colon. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, biologic therapy, and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for patients. Dr. Leichman also has expertise in using neoadjuvant therapies to treat gastrointestinal malignancies. Neoadjuvant therapies, which include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and hormone therapy, are delivered to a person before the main treatment (surgery), with the intent lower to lower the risk that the cancer will return.

Nicole Lopez, MD
Surgeon

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Nicole Lopez, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She specializes in surgical oncology and colorectal surgery, and has a particular interest in caring for patients with advanced, recurrent, and metastatic colorectal cancers. She has expertise in treating hereditary syndromes, diverticulitis, pelvic floor diseases, inflammatory bowel disease, and anorectal diseases. She is skilled in laparoscopy and robotic surgery.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Andrew M. Lowy, MD, FACS
Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer, 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: (866) 773-2703

Bio:
Andrew M. Lowy, MD is a surgical oncologist with expertise in treating cancers of the pancreas, liver and GI tract. Dr. Lowy is recognized worldwide for his expertise in pancreatic cancer surgery and in the management of complex gastrointestinal cancers. He is also known for investigating novel cancer treatments, including heated intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC), to treat advanced abdominal cancers.

Gina J. Mansy, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Breast Cancer, Gynecological Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Chula Vista - Lane Avenue

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

Bio:
Gina J. Mansy, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating breast cancer, gynecologic and gastrointestinal cancers, skin cancer, sarcomas, and multiple other malignancies. As a radiation oncologist, Dr. Mansy uses high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. Her expertise includes conformal radiation therapy (CRT), stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and high-dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Aaron M. Miller, MD, PhD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Aaron M. Miller, MD, PhD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, bowel and anus. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Miller’s approach to care emphasizes personalized medicine/precision oncology, adoptive cellular therapy, next-generation tumor sequencing and tumor immunology. He is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, where he works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.

James D. Murphy, MD
Radiation Oncologist
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Pancreatic Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
James D. Murphy, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in gastrointestinal cancers and palliative radiotherapy. Within the radiation oncology team, Dr. Murphy is chief of the Gastrointestinal Tumor Service and chief of palliative radiation therapy.

Lisa A. Parry, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
Encinitas - Garden View

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

Bio:
Lisa Parry, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the treatment of colorectal cancers and other intestinal disorders, including Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticulitis.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Hitendra Patel, MBBS
Medical Oncologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-3115

Bio:
Hitendra Patel, MBBS, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the pancreas, esophagus, gallbladder, liver, stomach, small intestine, colon/bowel and anus, as well as gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) and neuroendocrine and carcinoid tumors. He uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, biological therapy, including new medicines as part of clinical trials, to offer the best possible treatment options.

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

Specialties:
Radiation Oncology, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Urologic Cancer

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 lymphomas.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

**Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD**  
Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cancer, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Moores Cancer Center**

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

**Bio:**  
Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD, is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon. She specializes in treating colorectal and anal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and diverticulitis. She also leads the colorectal cancer team at Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health.

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**Dominique Rash, MD**  
Radiation Oncologist  
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

**Specialties:**  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gynecological Cancers, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Breast Cancer

**Encinitas - Garden View**

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

**Bio:**  
Dominique Rash, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating breast, gynecologic and gastrointestinal cancer. As a radiation oncologist, Dr. Rash uses carefully targeted, high doses of radiation energy to destroy or damage cancer cells. Her expertise includes conformal radiation therapy (CRT), intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and high-dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy.

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**Tony Reid, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases  
**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6100  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6191

**Bio:**  
As a physician, I strongly believe that we need better and more advanced therapies to treat cancer, but I also feel it is very important to carefully tailor the treatment to the individual patient. There is an increasing array of options for treatment for cancer including chemotherapy, targeted therapies, surgery and radiation and many patients need a combined and coordinated strategy that may include several of these options to achieve the optimal results. We have excellent surgeons and radiation therapists at UC San Diego Healthcare and we work closely as a team to provide the best possible care for our patients.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Surgical Director, Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.

John P. Shen, MD
Medical Oncologist

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialty:
Gastrointestinal Cancers

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
John Shen, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers. This includes cancers of the esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, colon and appendix. He uses numerous forms of therapy including traditional chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for his patients. Dr. Shen is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health's Moore's Cancer Center, where he works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide patients with highly specialized care.

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

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 - Gastrointestinal Cancers (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
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.

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).
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers (cont.)

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.

Rebekah R. (Becke) White, MD, FACS  
Surgical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**  
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Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

**Bio:**  
Rebekah White, MD, is a general surgeon and surgical oncologist who specializes in treating tumors of the pancreas, liver, bile duct, and upper gastrointestinal tract such as the stomach. Dr. White is part of the gastrointestinal cancer unit at UC San Diego Health’s Moores Cancer Center, where she works alongside a multidisciplinary team to provide cancer patients with advanced surgical options that are best suited to their individual needs.
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