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.

- **Current Patients**
  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.

- **Find a Doctor**
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: doctors.ucsd.edu.

Referring Physician Access

**Transfer a Patient**
For hospital-to-hospital transfers, call 619-543-5709 (24-hour service) for instructions or to speak to a transfer coordinator.

**Consultations**
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.

**Refer Your Patient**
Call Physician Access at 855-543-0555 or fax 888-539-8781 and our team will register and schedule your referred patient. You will receive follow-up communication (consultation notes, discharges, etc.), as well as access to our electronic medical record system, UCSD Link.
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**Sunil J. Advani, MD**  
Radiation Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

**Specialties:**  
Radiation Oncology, Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Urologic Cancer, Lung Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

**Chula Vista - Lane Avenue**

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

**Bio:**  
Sunil J. Advani, MD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who treats a diversity of malignancies, focusing on prostate, lung and melanoma/skin cancers.

**Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD**  
Medical Oncologist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cancer  
**Subspecialty:**  
Lung Cancer  
**Add'l Language:**  
Russian

**Encinitas - Garden View**  
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

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

**Bio:**  
Lyudmila A. Bazhenova, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. Her clinical practice is devoted to patients with all types of lung cancer, and she has particular expertise with female patients and nonsmokers.

**Anjali Bharne, MD**  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Moores Cancer Center**

**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.

**Kathryn A. Gold, MD**  
Medical Oncologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Cancer  
**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer

**Moores Cancer Center**

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

**Bio:**  
Kathryn A. Gold, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating cancers of the lung, head and neck. She uses numerous forms of therapy such as chemotherapy, biological therapy and targeted therapy to offer the best possible treatment options for her patients.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

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.

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.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Scott M. Lippman, MD
Director, Moores Cancer Center
Professor of Medicine
Senior Associate Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor,
Cancer Research and Care

Specialty:
Cancer
Subspecialties:
Precision Medicine, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Scott M. Lippman, MD, is director of Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, professor of Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine, senior associate dean and associate vice chancellor for Cancer Research and Care and holds the Chugai Pharmaceutical Chair in Cancer. He is also an adjunct professor at the Salk Institute, the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute and MD Anderson Cancer Center.

William Mitchell, MD
Medical Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cancer, Palliative Care
Subspecialty:
Lung Cancer

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
William Mitchell, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist. He cares for patients with all kinds of thoracic cancer, including lung cancer, mesothelioma and thymomas.

Mark W. Onaitis, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7086

Bio:
Mark Onaitis, MD, is a board-certified thoracic surgeon who specializes in malignant and benign conditions of the chest, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymic malignancy, gastroesophageal reflux, achalasia, paraesophageal hernia, and myasthenia gravis. He uses minimally invasive approaches – thorascopy and robotics – to treat these conditions.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Sandip P. Patel, MD  
**Medical Oncologist**  
**Associate Professor of Medicine**

**Specialty:**  
Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Lung Cancer, Immunotherapy, Precision Medicine

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Moores Cancer Center**

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

**Bio:**  
Sandip Patel, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist who specializes in cancer immunotherapy and early phase clinical trials involving immunotherapy across all types of cancer. Dr. Patel is focused on developing personalized therapies that stimulate a patient’s immune system to attack their specific tumor. He believes in offering these promising immunotherapeutics across all tumor types.

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 lymphoma.

Anthony Perricone, MD  
**Clinical Professor**

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**  
Lung Cancer, Lung Transplantation, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 657-7777

**Bio:**  
Dr. Perricone is director of the Cardiothoracic Unit at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, and surgical director of lung transplantation at UC San Diego Health.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (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 4-D computed tomography, stereotactic body radiotherapy and respiratory gating.

Andrew B. Sharabi, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncologist
Assistant Professor of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences

- **Specialties:** Radiation Oncology, Cancer
- **Subspecialties:** Melanoma / Skin Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Urologic Cancer, Lung Cancer
- **Add'l Language:** Spanish

Moores Cancer Center

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

**Bio:**
Andrew B. Sharabi, MD, PhD, is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in treating prostate cancer, head and neck cancer, skin cancers, and cancers that affect the lung area (thoracic malignancies).

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

- **Specialties:** Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
- **Subspecialties:** Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer
- **Add'l Languages:** French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

**Bio:**
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

**Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery  
**Subspecialties:**  
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

**Bio:**  
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.

**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.

**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.
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