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.

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Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about endocrinology and diabetes at UC San Diego Health System.

Schafer Boeder, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Schafer Boeder, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who diagnoses and treats people with a variety of endocrine conditions. He has a particular interest in diabetes and is a member of the inpatient glycemic control team, where he works with patients to monitor glucose levels, adjust insulin dosages, and maintain long-term glucose control at home.

Steven Victor Edelman, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Please note that Dr. Edelman is not a Primary Care Physician

Charles H. Choe, MD
Clinical Service Chief - Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Charlie Choe, MD, is a board certified endocrinologist. He also holds an active Endocrine Certification in Neck Ultrasound from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists for performing ultrasound and ultrasound-guided biopsies for patients with thyroid nodules and cancer.

Vala Hamidi, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Vala Hamidi, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, disorders of calcium and skeletal metabolism, osteoporosis, pituitary and adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and thyroid disorders. She also provides care in general endocrinology.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Christopher J. Hupfeld, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Encinitas - Garden View

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 479-5370

Patricia S. Juang, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Chinese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Patricia Juang, MD, is an endocrinologist who sees patients with a variety of endocrine conditions. She has a particular interest in the care of diabetic patients in the inpatient hospital setting.
Endocrinology (cont.)

**Deborah Kado, MD**
Bone Health Specialist  
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health  

**Specialties:**  
Endocrinology, Senior Medicine  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636  

**Bio:**  
Deborah Kado, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for the elderly. Specifically, Dr. Kado's expertise is in evaluating and treating osteoporosis. She directs the osteoporosis program at UC San Diego Health and sees patients in the Endocrinology outpatient clinic in La Jolla.

**Kristen Kulasa, MD**
Endocrinologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636  

**Bio:**  
Kristen Kulasa, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes. Dr. Kulasa serves as director of inpatient glycemic control - working to ensure that people who are in the hospital have optimal blood sugar levels during their stay. She oversees the clinical diabetes nurse educators on staff.

**Karen McCowen, MD**
Endocrinologist  

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636  

**Bio:**  
Karen McCowen, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She has a special interest in the management of diabetes in pregnancy, technologies for managing type 1 diabetes, thyroid biopsy and thyroid cancer, and pituitary and adrenal diseases.

**Jeremy Pettus, MD**
Endocrinologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology  

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636  

**Bio:**  
Jeremy Pettus, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in treating diabetes. He works with individuals who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes to develop personalized treatment plans which may include healthy eating, exercise, diabetes medication or insulin therapy and blood sugar monitoring.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She specializes in treating patients with many types of endocrine disorders, including diabetes and thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and pituitary diseases.

Gina N. Woods, MD
Endocrinologist and Bone Health Specialist
Associate Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Gina Woods, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with osteoporosis and other metabolic bone diseases. She works with individuals to preserve bone health, prevent fractures, and manage osteoporosis care with treatments that may include diet modification, exercise and medication.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Facial Nerve Disorders

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders
Add'l Language:
French

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders
Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
**ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Facial Plastic Surgery**

**Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS**  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

**Subspecialties:**  
Facial Plastic Surgery, Sinus & Rhinology, Hearing & Balance Disorders, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631

**Bio:**  
Sapideh Gilani, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who specializes in treating disorders of the nose and sinuses, as well as facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. She cares for patients with a wide range of conditions that affect the face, head and neck, including facial trauma or fractures, hearing loss, nasal obstruction, nasal trauma or fractures, and sinusitis. Dr. Gilani performs endoscopic sinus surgery, nasal surgery, rhinoplasty and revision rhinoplasty, and has a special interest in pediatric otolaryngology.

**Deborah Watson, MD**  
Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**  
Deborah Watson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon focusing on rhinoplasty (plastic surgery of the nose), nasal reconstruction, external ear reconstruction, and cosmetic facial plastic surgery.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Kevin Thomas Brumund, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, General Otolaryngology (ENT), Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:  
Kevin Brumund, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon whose practice is dedicated solely to the treatment of head and neck tumors. Dr. Brumund has extensive training and experience in cancer surgery and specializes in treating both benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck. This includes tumors of the entire upper aerodigestive tract (mouth, throat, nose, sinuses, and voice box), salivary glands (parotid and submandibular glands), neck, facial skin, thyroid and parathyroid glands.

Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:  
Facial Plastic Surgery, Sinus & Rhinology, Hearing & Balance Disorders, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631

Bio:  
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Elina Kari, MD
Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

Additional Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Elina Kari, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon and neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. Dr. Kari's expertise includes treating ear and hearing problems in adults and children, and conditions such as ear infections, perforated eardrums (tympanic membrane perforations), cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, lateral skull base lesions and acoustic neuroma. In addition, she evaluates patients for cochlear implants, osseointegrated hearing devices and auditory brainstem implants.

Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Sleep Medicine

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology

Additional Languages:
German, Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and sleep medicine specialist who specializes in disorders affecting the ears, nose and throat. His expertise is in advanced procedures to diagnose and treat airway obstruction and obstructive sleep apnea, using both surgical and non-surgical approaches.
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Deborah Watson, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
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Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, General Otolaryngology (ENT), Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
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Joseph A. Califano, III, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Director, Head and Neck Cancer Center
Vice Chief of Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Joseph A. Califano, III, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who specializes in head and neck surgical oncology, and the integration of basic, molecular biologic research in that practice. His expertise includes minimally invasive treatment of tumors of the oral cavity, larynx, pharynx, thyroid, and neck to minimize cosmetic impact and maximize function, with an interest in tumors of the skull base, mouth, salivary glands, and premalignant conditions of the upper aerodigestive tract.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Head & Neck Surgery Oncology (cont.)

Charles Coffey, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631

Bio:  
Charles Coffey, MD is a board-certified otolaryngologist and fellowship-trained head and neck cancer surgeon who specializes in diagnosing and treating patients with a broad range of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck.

Ryan K. Orosco, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Moores Cancer Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:  
Ryan Orosco, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in the surgical treatment of benign and malignant tumors and complex reconstruction of the head and neck. He cares for patients with head and neck tumors, thyroid and parathyroid disorders, and cancer of the face, scalp, nose, mouth, tongue, and throat. Dr. Orosco is skilled in advanced reconstruction techniques, including microvascular free flaps, the transplant of tissue to restore function and appearance. He employs minimally invasive techniques, such as transoral robotic surgery and transoral laser microsurgery, when appropriate.
Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 657-8590
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere’s disease, cholesteatoma, and chronic ear infections.

Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, Sinus & Rhinology, Hearing & Balance Disorders, General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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Bio:
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**Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD**  
**Division Chief, Otolaryngology  
Distinguished Professor**

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

**Add'l Language:**  
French

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**  
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.

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**Elina Kari, MD**  
**Neurotologist  
Assistant Professor of Surgery**

**Specialty:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

**Subspecialties:**  
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

**Add'l Languages:**  
Portuguese, Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**  
Elina Kari, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon and neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. Dr. Kari's expertise includes treating ear and hearing problems in adults and children, and conditions such as ear infections, perforated eardrums (tympanic membrane perforations), cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, lateral skull base lesions and acoustic neuroma. In addition, she evaluates patients for cochlear implants, osseointegrated hearing devices and auditory brainstem implants.
Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
 Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Laryngology

Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialty:
Laryngology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

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Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere’s disease, cholesteatoma, and chronic ear infections.

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

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Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.
Elina Kari, MD
Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

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Bio:
Elina Kari, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon and neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. Dr. Kari's expertise includes treating ear and hearing problems in adults and children, and conditions such as ear infections, perforated eardrums (tympanic membrane perforations), cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, lateral skull base lesions and acoustic neuroma. In addition, she evaluates patients for cochlear implants, osseointegrated hearing devices and auditory brainstem implants.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

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Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
Adam DeConde, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialty:
Sinus & Rhinology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
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Bio:
Adam DeConde, MD, is a board certified head and neck surgeon with subspeciality training in endoscopic sinus surgery and skull base tumors.

Sapideh Gilani, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
Facial Plastic Surgery, Sinus & Rhinology, Hearing & Balance Disorders,
General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6631

Bio:
Sapideh Gilani, MD, is a board certified otolaryngologist who specializes in treating disorders of the nose and sinuses, as well as facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. She cares for patients with a wide range of conditions that affect the face, head and neck, including facial trauma or fractures, hearing loss, nasal obstruction, nasal trauma or fractures, and sinusitis. Dr. Gilani performs endoscopic sinus surgery, nasal surgery, rhinoplasty and revision rhinoplasty, and has a special interest in pediatric otolaryngology.

Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS
Head and Neck Surgeon

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Sleep Medicine
Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Sinus & Rhinology
Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Paul Schalch Lepe, MD, FACS, is a board-certified otolaryngologist and sleep medicine specialist who specializes in disorders affecting the ears, nose and throat. His expertise is in advanced procedures to diagnose and treat airway obstruction and obstructive sleep apnea, using both surgical and non-surgical approaches.
Kevin Thomas Brumund, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer  
Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Head & Neck Cancers, General Otolaryngology (ENT), Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

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Contact:  
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:  
Kevin Brumund, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon whose practice is dedicated solely to the treatment of head and neck tumors. Dr. Brumund has extensive training and experience in cancer surgery and specializes in treating both benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck. This includes tumors of the entire upper aerodigestive tract (mouth, throat, nose, sinuses, and voice box), salivary glands (parotid and submandibular glands), neck, facial skin, thyroid and parathyroid glands.

Joseph A. Califano, III, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Director, Head and Neck Cancer Center  
Vice Chief of Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery

Specialties:  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Cancer, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery

Moores Cancer Center

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Bio:  
Joseph A. Califano, III, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who specializes in head and neck surgical oncology, and the integration of basic, molecular biologic research in that practice. His expertise includes minimally invasive treatment of tumors of the oral cavity, larynx, pharynx, thyroid, and neck to minimize cosmetic impact and maximize function, with an interest in tumors of the skull base, mouth, salivary glands, and premalignant conditions of the upper aerodigestive tract.
Charles Coffey, MD  
Head and Neck Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Head & Neck Surgery Oncology, Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery

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**Bio:**  
Charles Coffey, MD is a board-certified otolaryngologist and fellowship-trained head and neck cancer surgeon who specializes in diagnosing and treating patients with a broad range of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck.
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