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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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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

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 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

Scripps Ranch
9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92131

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
3020 Children’s Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway
Temecula, CA 92952

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121
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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:**
Charles H. 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.
Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

Michael E. Albo, MD
Co-Director, Women’s Pelvic Medicine Center
Vice Chair, Department of Urology
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Michael E. Albo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in voiding dysfunction, urinary incontinence, urodynamics, female urology, pelvic floor reconstruction, and urogenital conditions caused by neurologic disorders. Dr. Albo's expertise includes performing pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries in both women and men; surgery for urinary incontinence; neuromodulation; and botulinum toxin (Botox) injections. He is also trained in a wide variety of medical and surgical techniques to manage voiding disorders and prostate disorders in men.

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.

David Barba, MD, FAANS
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
David Barba, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon focusing on surgical treatment of people with epilepsy and movement disorders.
Surgery (cont.)

Andrew Barleben, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Andrew Barleben, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon, specializing in the treatment of a variety of conditions and diseases, including thoracic and abdominal aortic disease, carotid artery disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, renal artery disease, mesenteric artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, varicose veins, venous ulceration and deep vein thrombosis.

Sharona Ben-Haim, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Add'l Languages:
Hebrew, Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Sharona Ben-Haim, MD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in caring for people with treatment-resistant epilepsy, chronic pain including facial pain and trigeminal neuralgia, spasticity, and movement disorders such as Parkinson’s disease, dystonia and essential tremor. She performs deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgeries, including “awake” microelectrode-guided DBS and “asleep” MRI- and CT-guided DBS.

Stephen Bickler, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Surgery

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

Bio:
Dr. Bickler is a pediatric surgeon whose dedication to children has taken him to distant places. He recently spent more than two and a half years in The Gambia in West Africa as Consulting Pediatric Surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Banjul and the Medical Research Council Laboratories in Fajara.

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.
**Surgery (cont.)**

![Jill Buckley, MD](image1)

**Jill Buckley, MD**  
Urologist  
Associate Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Surgery

**Jill Buckley, MD**  
Urologist  
Associate Professor of Urology

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**  
Jill Buckley, MD, is a board-certified, urologic trauma reconstruction surgeon. She has a special interest in caring for patients who have complex urinary conditions including urethral stricture, hypospadias and benign prostate hyperplasia, as well as individuals who have complications in the genitourinary area as a result of trauma or prostate cancer treatment.

![Joseph D Ciacci, MD](image2)

**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.

![Charles Coffey, MD](image3)

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

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

**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.

![Joelle M. Coletta, MD, FACS](image4)

**Joelle M. Coletta, MD, FACS**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

**Bio:**  
Joelle Coletta, MD, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and chief of the cardiothoracic surgery section at the Veterans Administration Hospital affiliated with UC San Diego. She also performs both cardiac and thoracic operations at Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center.
Surgery (cont.)

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View

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

Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

Adam DeConde, MD
Head and Neck Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

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

Subspeciality:
Sinus & Rhinology

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

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

Bio:
Adam DeConde, MD, is a board certified head and neck surgeon with subspecialty training in endoscopic sinus surgery and skull base tumors.

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

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (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.
Marek Dobke, MD  
Plastic Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery  
Subspecialty:  
Cosmetic Surgery  
Add'l Language:  
Polish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:  
Dr. Dobke graduated from the Medical Academy in Gdansk, Poland in 1974. He is board certified in plastic surgery both in the United States and Poland. Throughout his career, Dr. Dobke has combined the practice of plastic surgery with research. He has developed a large practice in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, with a special interest and clinical expertise in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery of the breast, facial rejuvenation, and application of new technologies in cosmetic surgery. Recently, Dr. Dobke added research on stem cell technology for cosmetic and breast reconstructive surgery purposes to his expertise portfolio and is currently working on applications of telemedicine for the management of wounds and plastic surgery consultations. Tissue contouring with fillers (including permanent material Artefill) is available in his clinic.

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) 657-8660  
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.
Surgery (cont.)

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.

Steven Robert Garfin, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Interim Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Steven Garfin, MD, is a board-certified and world-renowned orthopedic surgeon specializing in the adult spine. He is consistently elected as a top doctor in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.
Surgery (cont.)

Paul Joseph Girard, MD  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:  
Surgery, Orthopedics  
Subspecialty:  
Orthopedic Trauma

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

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

Bio:  
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones. He also cares for patients with complications arising from traumatic orthopedic injuries and has extensive experience in delivering care in emergency settings. Dr Girard has particular interest and expertise in complex lower extremity reconstruction, post-traumatic deformity correction, and treatment of post-traumatic osteomyelitis.

Eugene Golts, MD  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:  
Heart Failure, Lung Transplantation

Add'l Languages:  
Russian, Ukrainian

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:  
Eugene Golts, MD, is a board-certified general and cardiothoracic surgeon who performs the full scope of cardiothoracic surgery and thoracic organ transplantation. Dr. Golts is surgical director of the Lung Transplant Program at UC San Diego Health.
Amanda A. Gosman, MD  
Interim Chief, Plastic Surgery  
Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery  
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Plastic Surgery, Surgery  
Subspecialties:  
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:  
Amanda A. Gosman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in cleft lip and palate surgery, pediatric and adult craniofacial surgery, microsurgical facial reanimation, breast reconstruction and aesthetic surgery.

Steven Howe, MD  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:  
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery  
Temecula Parkway

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (951) 303-0734

Bio:  
Steven Howe, MD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating a wide range of cardiovascular diseases, including aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, and other peripheral and major vascular conditions. Dr. Howe performs adult cardiothoracic surgery, including peripheral and major vascular surgery, thoracic and abdominal endovascular surgery and thoracic trauma surgery.

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: (619) 294-3746

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.

T. Mike Hsieh, MD  
Urologist  
Associate Professor of Urology

Specialties:  
Urology, Infertility, Surgery  
Subspecialty:  
Male Infertility  
Add'l Languages:  
Mandarin, Taiwanese

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:  
T. Mike Hsieh, MD, is a board-certified urologist specializing in male fertility and men’s health. He treats men with sexual dysfunction including low testosterone, erectile dysfunction, and Peyronie's disease. He also treats male infertility including men with ejaculatory disorder, hormone imbalance, sperm production impairment, cancer, and genetic causes of infertility.
Surgery (cont.)

Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, FRCS, FACS, FACC, FACCP
Dean, Cardiovascular Affairs
Endowed Chair and Distinguished Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and expert in pulmonary thromboendarterectomy. He is one of the founding members of Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center at UC San Diego Health and is known throughout the world for his ground-breaking research and surgical innovations.

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).
Surgery (cont.)

Anna A. Kulidjian, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Joint, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)
Add'l Languages:
Armenian, Russian

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Anna A. Kulidjian, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult joint reconstruction and musculoskeletal oncology. As a member of the orthopedic oncology team at Moores Cancer Center, she surgically removes bone tumors as well as tumors found in soft tissues including muscle, fascia, fat, and skin. She is skilled at restoring injured limbs through complex reconstructions and limb salvage techniques.

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Samuel Lance, MD, is a plastic surgeon who specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, with expertise in adult and pediatric craniofacial surgery. He is the director of adult craniomaxillofacial surgery (i.e. surgery related to the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures).

John Lane, MD
Interim Chief, Vascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Surgery (cont.)

Michael Levy, MD, PhD
Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

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

Bio:
Michael L. Levy, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon at UC San Diego Health and chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. Dr. Levy's primary surgical interests are in pediatric and vascular neurosurgery.

Lawrence Marshall, MD
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Spine

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Lawrence Marshall, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon and an internationally renowned expert in traumatic head injury. Dr. Marshall's surgical interests cover all of neurosurgery but especially diseases of the spine and spinal cord, brain tumors, and peripheral nerves.

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Division Chief, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Executive Director, Surgery - Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Failure

Add'l Language:
Persian

Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.

Hal Meltzer, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Meltzer is a board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in pediatric neurosurgery and performs the majority of his procedures at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. His clinical interests span all of pediatric neurosurgery and include endoscopic treatment of craniosynostoses.
**Surgery (cont.)**

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**Andrew Nguyen, MD, PhD**  
Neurosurgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Subspecialty:**  
Spine

**Add'l Language:**  
Vietnamese

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

**Bio:**  
Andrew Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon who specializes in endovascular treatments for neurovascular diseases and minimally invasive spine surgery.

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**Erik L Owens, MD**  
Vascular Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

**Subspecialty:**  
Endovascular Surgery

**Add'l Language:**  
Norwegian

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**  
Erik Owens, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon. He is engaged in several clinical studies with interests in aortic aneurysms, treatment of venous stasis ulcers and minimally invasive bypass procedures. He serves as co-director for the Endovascular Training Center at the San Diego VA Medical Center.

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**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.
Surgery (cont.)

C. Lowell Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572

Bio:
C. Lowell Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who diagnoses and treats all urologic disorders, and specializes in caring for patients who have interstitial cystitis (IC). Internationally recognized as a leading physician and researcher in IC, he has developed major new diagnostic tools and treatments for the disease and has published over 225 medical journal articles and textbook chapters. Health care professionals from around the world have visited his clinic and attended his lectures to learn the latest techniques for detecting and treating IC.

J. Kellogg Parsons, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
J. Kellogg Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating prostate cancer. He directs clinical trials for the Department of Urology at UC San Diego Health's Moores Cancer Center.

Travis L. Pollema, DO
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Temecula Parkway

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

Bio:
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.
Surgery (cont.)

Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Surgical Director of Heart Transplant
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Afrikaans

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

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

Bio:
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lead management. Pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) deliver energy to the heart through thin, flexible wires called leads. When these leads are not working properly – because of infection, damage, or surrounding scar tissue – they need to be removed. Dr. Pretorius performs a minimally invasive procedure called laser lead extraction to cut through scar tissue surrounding the lead, allowing it to be easily removed.

Mark Rechnic, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Plastic Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Naohide Sakakibara, MD
Thoracic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE)

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Surgery (cont.)

Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-8737

Bio:
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Surgery (cont.)

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.

Ahmed S. Suliman, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Arabic

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Ahmed Suliman, MD, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who performs a broad spectrum of aesthetic (cosmetic) and reconstructive procedures to address the effects of a medical condition or injury, or to enhance one's appearance.

Roger Sur, MD
Director, Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Kidney Stones

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Roger Sur, MD, is a board-certified urologist and director of the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health. He completed an endourology society fellowship at Duke University Medical Center training under a world renowned kidney stone specialist.
Surgery (cont.)

**Mayer Tenenhaus, MD**
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialties:**
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

**Bio:**
UC San Diego Health Links

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**Hoi Sang U, MD**
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Neurosurgery, Surgery

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-0798
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540
Fax: (619) 471-3931

**Bio:**
Hoi Sang U, MD, is a board-certified neurosurgeon who is an internationally recognized specialist in the treatment of vascular anomalies known as AVMs. Patients have traveled to UCSD from as far away as Australia, Hong Kong, the Sultanate of Brunei, Africa and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to take advantage of his expertise.

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**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

**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:
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.

Jason Woo, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
Jason Woo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

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

Subspecialties:
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.

Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Surgery - Critical Care

Allison E. Berndtson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

Emily F. Cantrell, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Emily Cantrell, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents, as well as people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.

Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS
Surgical Intensivist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's Level 1 Trauma Center, which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as the interim chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Sara B. Edwards, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Sara Edwards, MD, is a board-certified surgeon, specializing in trauma, critical care and emergency general surgery. She cares for people who have experienced injuries, such as those resulting from falls, car crashes or violence. She is also skilled in elective and emergency surgery for conditions including appendicitis, gallbladder infections and hernias.

Laura Godat, MD
Surgeon

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.
Leslie Kobayashi, MD  
Surgeon  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

**Bio:**  
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS  
Director, Burn Center  
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Surgery, Burn

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200

**Bio:**  
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Surgery - Critical Care (cont.)

Amelia J. Simpson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Amelia Simpson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents. She also treats people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS
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.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

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.

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.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Bard Cosman, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialty:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
"I like the combination of dealing with people and learning natural science. Also, there were role models: my father and grandfather were physicians, and my mother taught medical law and history."

Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as the interim chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.
Laura Godat, MD
Surgeon

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

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

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.

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.
Garth Ross Jacobsen, MD  
**Director, Hernia Surgery**  
**Professor of Surgery**

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

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

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

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

**Bio:**  
Garth Jacobsen, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in hernia surgery and repairing abdominal wall defects. He has expertise in both traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr. Jacobsen’s approach considers each patient as an individual. He works with each person to develop the best repair or surgical plan available.

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.

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.
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.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

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.

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.
Bryan J. Sandler, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

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

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

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8859

**Bio:**
Bryan Sandler, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in treating patients with disorders of the foregut, esophagus, gastric or biliary system and small intestine. In addition to performing hindgut surgery for colon and rectal disorders, Dr. Sandler has specialized training in advanced hernia operations, abdominal wall reconstruction and weight loss surgery. His areas of expertise also include minimally invasive and robotic surgery, and natural orifice surgery.

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: (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.
Surgery - General and Gastrointestinal Surgery (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).
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Director of Living Donor Kidney Transplant
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

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

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

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.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Interim Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.

Justin Parekh, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Justin Parekh, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in transplantation of the liver, kidney and pancreas, as well as hepatobiliary (liver and gall bladder) surgery. He also has expertise in treating liver tumors, hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis and end-stage renal disease.

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.
Surgery - Hepatobiliary Surgery (cont.)

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: (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.
**Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery**

**Benjamin Abbadessa, MD, FACS**  
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.

**Seth K. Bechis, MD**  
Urologist  
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Encinitas - Garden View**  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**  
Seth Bechis, MD, is a urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, and men’s health issues. As member of the comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health, he has a special interest in advanced surgical treatment, medical prevention and research on kidney stone disease. He also performs advanced procedures for BPH as well as robotic surgery.

**Dennis Bandyk, MD**  
Vascular Surgeon  
Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**  
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

**Subspecialty:**  
Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

**Bio:**  
Dennis Bandyk, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who diagnoses and treats people with disorders affecting the arteries, veins and lymphatic systems. He provides comprehensive medical treatment and reconstructive vascular surgical and endovascular (less invasive) techniques for individuals with all types of vascular conditions.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

**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.

**Joslin Cheverie, MD**
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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

**Subspecialty:**
Minimally Invasive Surgery

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

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

**Bio:**
Joslin Cheverie, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgeries including bariatric procedures performed on the stomach or intestines to contribute to weight loss.

**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.
Garth Ross Jacobsen, MD
Director, Hernia Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Garth Jacobsen, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in hernia surgery and repairing abdominal wall defects. He has expertise in both traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr. Jacobsen's approach considers each patient as an individual. He works with each person to develop the best repair or surgical plan available.

Sunil Jeswani, MD
Neurosurgeon

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Complex Cranial Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Neurological Oncology, Spine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Sunil Jeswani, MD, is a neurosurgeon who treats people with cranial and spinal problems. He performs surgery for brain tumors, pituitary tumors, skull base tumors, stereotactic radiosurgery, hydrocephalus, and trigeminal neuralgia. He also does minimally invasive spinal surgery and treats spinal conditions such as degenerative disease, tumors, scoliosis and spinal trauma.

Karim Kader, MD, PhD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Greek

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Karim Kader, MD, PhD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in detecting, treating and preventing prostate cancer.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Christopher J. Kane, MD
Urologist
Dean of Clinical Affairs, UC San Diego School of Medicine
CEO, UC San Diego Health Physician Group

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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

Bio:
Christopher J. Kane, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating patients with prostate, kidney, bladder and testicular cancer. He has extensive expertise in robotic prostatectomy, open and laparoscopic kidney cancer surgery, and bladder and testes cancer surgery. He also provides care for conditions including benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate; elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels; and the presence of blood in urine (hematuria).

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.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Vice Chair of Surgery for Clinical Research

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Arabic

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels and the lymphatic system, including carotid artery disease, thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral arterial disease. He specializes in both traditional open surgery as well as minimally invasive approaches that require no incision, based on what is best for each patient.

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.
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

Contact:
Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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.

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

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.

Anthony Perricone, MD
Clinical Professor

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

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Lung Transplantation, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 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.
Surgery - Minimally Invasive Surgery (cont.)

Martin H. Pham, MD
Neurosurgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
Martin Pham, MD, is a neurosurgeon who focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. This includes adult scoliosis and spinal deformity, complex spinal reconstruction, robotic and minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation of the spine, spine tumors, and spine trauma.

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.

Kyoko Sakamoto, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Kyoko Sakamoto, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in laparoscopy and endourology. Her additional interests are neuroourology and general urology.

Amirali (Amir) Salmasi, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Urology: (619) 543-3572
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Amirali Salmasi, MD, is a urologist with expertise in the management of genitourinary cancers in men and women, including bladder, prostate, kidney, ureteral, testicular, adrenal, and penile cancers. He provides a personalized, multidisciplinary approach to deliver the best possible treatment options (active surveillance, focal therapy, surgery, radiation, systemic treatments, or clinical trials) for his patients.
Bryan J. Sandler, MD, FACS
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

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

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8859

Bio:
Bryan Sandler, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in treating patients with disorders of the foregut, esophagus, gastric or biliary system and small intestine. In addition to performing hindgut surgery for colon and rectal disorders, Dr. Sandler has specialized training in advanced hernia operations, abdominal wall reconstruction and weight loss surgery. His areas of expertise also include minimally invasive and robotic surgery, and natural orifice surgery.

William Taylor, MD
Neurosurgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Neurosurgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Spine

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5540

Bio:
William Taylor, MD, is a board-certified neurological surgeon. His practice focuses on the neurosurgical evaluation and treatment of spinal disorders. He is also dedicated to further developing and refining minimally invasive surgical procedures used to treat spinal conditions and diseases.

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.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology

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.

Sarah L. Blair, MD, FACS
Surgical Oncologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Breast Cancer, Surgical Oncology

Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Sarah L. Blair is a surgical oncologist and board-certified general surgeon who specializes in diagnosing and treating breast cancer, melanoma, sarcoma and soft tissue tumors. Her expertise is in sentinel node staging for breast cancer, utilizing new energy sources for better resection of tumors, and innovative reconstructive techniques for breast conservation operations.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

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.

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.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Ava Hosseini, MD  
Surgical Oncologist  

Specialties:  
Surgery, Cancer  
Subspecialties:  
Breast Cancer, Surgical Oncology  

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) 536-7700  

Bio:  
Ava Hosseini, MD, is a surgical oncologist and board-certified general surgeon who specializes in breast health, including breast cancer and benign breast disease. Dr. Hosseini’s expertise includes general and oncology breast surgery. She performs mastectomy, image-guided lumpectomy, benign breast disease excisions and axillary surgery. She also works closely with plastic and reconstructive surgeons to offer women the best possible cosmetic options and results following treatment.

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.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

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.

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.
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

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: (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.

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).
Surgery - Surgical Oncology (cont.)

Anne M. Wallace, MD
Director, Comprehensive Breast Health Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Surgical Oncology, Breast Cancer, Melanoma / Skin Cancers

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (866) 773-2703
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Anne M. Wallace, MD, is a board-certified general and plastic surgeon who specializes in all aspects of breast health, with a focus on breast cancer and breast reconstruction. She directs UC San Diego Health's Comprehensive Breast Health Center, which offers premier breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and personalized care. Dr. Wallace's other specialties include melanoma diagnosis and treatment, as well as all forms of cosmetic breast and body contouring surgery.

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.
Surgery - Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery

**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](https://gastrointestinal.ucsd.edu) 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.
Surgery - Trauma

**Allison E. Berndtson, MD**
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200

**Bio:**  
Allison Berndtson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as a fall or motor vehicle collision, as well as those requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones and hernias.

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**Emily F. Cantrell, MD**
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Critical Care, Trauma

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

**Bio:**  
Emily Cantrell, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents, as well as people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.

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**Todd W. Costantini, MD, FACS**
Surgical Intensivist  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**  
Surgery

**Subspecialties:**  
Trauma, Critical Care

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200

**Bio:**  
Todd W. Costantini, MD, is a board-certified surgical intensivist. He is the assistant director of UC San Diego Health's [Level 1 Trauma Center](https://health.ucsd.edu), which provides the highest quality of comprehensive care for patients who have been severely injured from car accidents, falls, violence, gunshot wounds, fires and burns, and drowning.
Jay J. Doucet, MD, FRCSC, FACS  
Interim Chief, Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery  
Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit  
Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Professor of Surgery  

**Specialty:**  
Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Critical Care, Trauma, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery  

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200  

**Bio:**  
Jay Doucet, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who serves as the interim chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery and as medical director of both the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Preparedness and Response at UC San Diego Health. He performs trauma and general surgery and provides surgical critical care to patients. His areas of expertise include chest and abdominal injury, rib plating (an operation to fix broken ribs), abdominal sepsis, diverticular disease, abdominal and groin hernia, gallbladder disease and soft tissue infections.

Sara B. Edwards, MD  
Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  

**Specialty:**  
Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Critical Care, Trauma  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200  

**Bio:**  
Sara Edwards, MD, is a board-certified surgeon, specializing in trauma, critical care and emergency general surgery. She cares for people who have experienced injuries, such as those resulting from falls, car crashes or violence. She is also skilled in elective and emergency surgery for conditions including appendicitis, gallbladder infections and hernias.

Laura Godat, MD  
Surgeon  

**Specialty:**  
Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

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

**Bio:**  
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.
Leslie Kobayashi, MD
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Dr. Kobayashi joined the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns at UC San Diego in August 2010 as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Her current duties include clinical care in the outpatient, inpatient and intensive care setting as an attending physician on the Trauma, General Surgery and Surgical Intensive Care Services.

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn

Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7200

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon. She focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.
Amelia J. Simpson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
Surgery

Subspecialties:
Critical Care, Trauma

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Trauma Center: (619) 543-7200
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Amelia Simpson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who cares for people who have experienced burns or traumatic injuries, such as those from violence, falls, or car accidents. She also treats people requiring elective or emergency surgery for general surgical issues, such as appendicitis, gallstones or hernias.
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