

LEADERS OF INFLUENCE: LA's TOP DOCTORS



LOS ANGELES IS HOME TO MANY OF THE NATION'S BEST HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE and this is our annual opportunity to shine a light on some of the finest.

For our Top Doctors profiles this year, we analyzed many nominations and pulled a few particularly outstanding medical professionals each from a broad array of disciplines of focus: Breast Surgery; Cardiology; Dermatology; Ear, Nose & Throat; Emergency Medicine; Endocrinology; Family Medicine; Gastroenterology; General Surgery; Hepatobiliary/Pancreatic Surgery; Internal Medicine; Neurology; Neurosurgery; Obstetrics & Gynecology; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Orthopedics; Pediatrics; Plastic Surgery; Proctology; Psychology; Pulmonology; Radiation Oncology; Rheumatology; Urology and Vascular Interventional Radiology. Doctors were selected based on their good standing, reputation, thought leadership and success here in Los Angeles.

Methodology: The professionals featured in these pages did not pay to be included. Their profiles were drawn from nomination materials submitted to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Those selected for inclusion were reviewed by the editorial department. The professionals were chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community.

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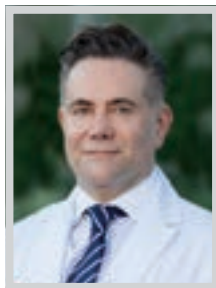
FERRA LIN-DUFFY
BREAST SURGERY
 Breast Surgeon
 City of Hope

Dr. Ferra Lin-Duffy's career achievements highlight her advanced training in breast surgical oncology, leadership as a clinical professor, multilingual patient care, and recognition as a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. She is respected for her collaborative, patient-centered approach and her contributions to both clinical practice and surgical education. She also provides education to support groups, such as the Herald Chinese Breast Cancer Support Group. Beyond community outreach, Dr. Lin-Duffy makes herself readily available to address urgent patient case questions and works closely with community physicians.



CHRISTINE ALBERT
CARDIOLOGY
 Cardiac Electrophysiologist
 Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Christine Albert's research focuses on epidemiology, risk stratification and prevention of sudden cardiac death and atrial fibrillation in large prospective cohort designs and in multi-center clinical studies, most notably seminal contributions regarding the contribution of diet, lifestyle and genetics to the burden of heart rhythm disorders. Dr. Albert is principal investigator on two ongoing R01s funded by the National Institutes of Health. She is currently testing the effect of omega-3 fatty acids on atrial fibrillation and sudden cardiac death incidence in a large-scale primary prevention randomized trial being performed in 25,000 individuals.



HARRY BALIAN
CARDIOLOGY
 Medical Director, Cardiovascular Services
 Adventist Health Glendale

Dr. Harry Balian is the chairman of the cardiology department and directs the Structural Heart Program at Adventist Health Glendale. He specializes in the treatment of heart disease, coronary artery percutaneous interventions and pacemaker insertions. He also performs peripheral vascular interventions including carotid stents, endovascular abdominal aortic aneurysm stents, renal stents and lower extremity angioplasties. Dr. Balian helped start Adventist Health Glendale's TAVR (percutaneous aortic valve replacement) program in 2016. In December 2023, he performed the hospital's 500th TAVR procedure, marking a huge milestone.



SUNNY BHATIA
CARDIOLOGY
 President and Corporate Chief
 Medical Officer
 Prime Healthcare

Sunny Bhatia, MD, MMM, FACHE, FACC, FSCAI has achieved measurable results that demonstrate his impact as a national healthcare leader. Since becoming Prime's first national president and chief medical officer in late 2024, he has advanced significant clinical, operational, and financial gains across the system. In 2025, he guided Prime's expansion into the Chicago market through the acquisition and integration of eight hospitals and affiliated care sites. This work preserved more than 8,300 jobs, diversified Prime's portfolio to 51 hospitals in 14 states, and supported strong financial performance.



JERRY FLORO
CARDIOLOGY
 Cardiology
 PIH Health

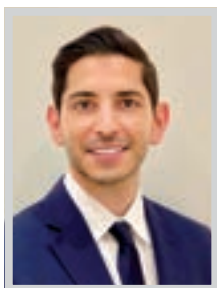
Jerry Floro, MD, FACC, FACP is a cardiologist at PIH Health and a distinguished physician leader with more than four decades of service in cardiovascular medicine, healthcare leadership, and community advocacy. He is committed to the PIH Health mission of providing compassionate, patient-centered care and takes pride in managing all aspects of his patients' heart health—whether through non-invasive treatment, preventive strategies, or advanced interventional procedures. Dr. Floro believes that truly effective care begins with listening, understanding, and building trust with every patient. He embraces new technology advances in medicine.



IVAN HO
CARDIOLOGY

Clinical Professor of Medicine,
 Keck School of Medicine of USC;
 Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology;
 Director of Clinical Cardiac
 Electrophysiology Fellowship
 Keck Medicine of USC

Through development of a large referral practice in the Los Angeles area and being the "go-to" EP physician in the San Gabriel Valley area, with clinic locations in Monterey Park, Pasadena and Arcadia, Ivan Ho, MD, FHRS, FACC has been able to bring tertiary level electrophysiology care to these communities. Dr. Ho has also established a very robust electrophysiology program at Keck Medical Center of USC and other USC hospitals, providing comprehensive arrhythmia management for a variety of patients.



SRIVIDHAR REDDY
CARDIOLOGY

STEMI Program Medical Director;
 Associate Program Director,
 Internal Medicine Residency Program
 Centinela Hospital Medical Center

Srividhar Reddy, MD, FACC, FSCAI stands out as a leader and innovator in the fields of interventional cardiology and internal medicine. As the medical director of the STEMI Program at Centinela Hospital Medical Center, he has played a pivotal role in ensuring the program delivers timely and effective care for patients experiencing acute myocardial infarctions. His efforts in this capacity demonstrate his expertise in managing critical care scenarios with precision and excellence. Throughout his career, Dr. Reddy has earned significant recognition.



DONNY MEHRABI
DERMATOLOGY

Dermatologist
 Glendale Memorial Hospital and
 Health Center

With a Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery Subspecialty Certification and being board certified by the American Board of Dermatology, Dr. Donny Mehrabi sets the industry standard in dermatologic expertise. He brings a passion for excellence and a kind and compassionate attitude to all of his patients. His patients regularly remark on what an excellent listener he is and that he consistently strives to answer any questions that they may have. Dr. Mehrabi provides care in all areas of dermatology, including medical, pediatric, cosmetic, surgical and laser dermatology.



ALLISON TRUONG
DERMATOLOGY

Dermatologist
 Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Allison Truong is a comprehensive dermatologist who cares for families, treating patients from newborns to those as old as 110 years. She has lectured locally and nationally and published numerous papers on topics such as skin manifestations of eczema, hidradenitis suppurativa, systemic lupus erythematosus, granuloma annulare, microbiome, skin cancers, and more. Her expertise encompasses the management of complex skin diseases. She is experienced with surgical treatment of skin cancers, as well as non-surgical methods to treat skin cancer and precancerous lesions. Dr. Truong also runs a full medical, cosmetic, and surgical dermatology practice.



KARLA O'DELL
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Professor of Otolaryngology -
 Head and Neck Surgery
 Keck Medicine of USC

Karla O'Dell, MD has spent 20 years at the Keck School of Medicine, starting from her medical school training, residency at LAC+USC and as faculty in the Caruso Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. She considers providing care for patients with voice, airway and swallowing disorders as one of the most rewarding aspects of her job as a physician at USC. Her clinical expertise lies in complex airway reconstruction. As the co-director and founder of the Airway Intervention and Reconstruction Center (AIR-Center) at USC, she has led the development of a high-volume, multidisciplinary program.



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Nicholas M. Bernthal, MD
Orthopedic Surgery

Sarah M. Larson, MD
Hematology & Medical Oncology

S. Thomas Carmichael Jr., MD, PhD
Neurology

Linda M. Liau, MD, PhD, MBA
Neurosurgery

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD
Ophthalmology

Nima Nassiri, MD
Urology & Kidney Transplantation

Christina S. Han, MD
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Antoni Ribas, MD
Medical Oncology

O. Joe Hines, MD
Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery

Dennis J. Slamon, MD
Medical Oncology

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SYLVIA KOTIKIAN
EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Medical Director, Emergency Department
Adventist Health Glendale

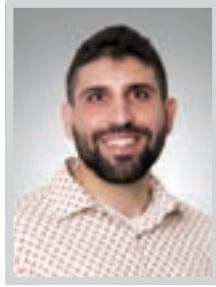
Sylvia Kotikian, MD, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and medical director of the Emergency Department at Adventist Health Glendale, one of the leading tertiary care centers in the Los Angeles region. In this role, she leads a high-performing emergency team that cares for some of the most complex and critically ill patients in the area. Under her leadership, the Emergency Department is recognized as a Comprehensive Stroke Center; a STEMI Receiving Center; a Primary PCI Chest Pain Center accredited by the American College of Cardiology; and an emergency department caring for older adults.



PING H. WANG
ENDOCRINOLOGY

Professor and Chair, Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism
City of Hope

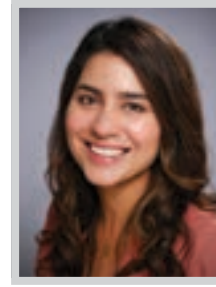
Ping H. Wang, MD, brings three decades of distinguished expertise in diabetes research and treatment. He is dedicated to the treatment of hormone-related conditions, which most commonly include diabetes, thyroid disease, pituitary gland issues and hormonal imbalances at City of Hope. Dr. Wang earned his medical degree at Taiwan's Kaohsiung Medical College and an advanced degree in epidemiology at Harvard, where he also completed fellowships in endocrinology and metabolism. He joined University of California Irvine's Department of Medicine in 1994. He was the founding director for the school's diabetes center.



SAHIR GHARIB
FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine
PIH Health

Sahir Gharib, MD is a family medicine physician with a subspecialty in sports medicine. He completed his fellowship training in sports medicine at LSU, where he focused on orthopedic care and the use of ultrasound for diagnostic and interventional procedures. Dr. Gharib has worked with athletes at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels, gaining extensive experience in injury prevention, rehabilitation, and performance optimization. Dr. Gharib finds it rewarding to see patients regain function and experience relief from pain following treatment. He approaches each patient interaction with attentiveness and compassion.



RUBY GONZALEZ
FAMILY MEDICINE

Medical Director, Emanate Health
Primary Care in Glendora
Emanate Health

Ruby Gonzalez, MD, MPH, DABFM, DABOM is an experienced and accomplished family medicine physician who has been in practice for over a decade. Dr. Gonzalez is the medical director of the Emanate Health Primary Care in Glendora as well as service line medical director for Primary Care. She is a leader among primary care physicians in this community. Dr. Gonzalez plays a key role in the health of the million people Emanate serves in the San Gabriel Valley region. She has extensive experience in policies and procedures, quality improvement, workflows and patient satisfaction.



AMBER LIN
FAMILY MEDICINE

Director, PIH Health Whittier Family Medicine Residency
PIH Health

Amber Lin MD is a family medicine physician and director of PIH Health Whittier Family Medicine Residency. She has been with PIH Health for over eight years providing patient-focused care. Dr. Lin has an interest in tropical medicine and global health and serves as director of the tropical medicine track for PIH Health Whittier Family Medicine Residency. In 2020, Dr. Lin became associate program director of PIH Health Whittier Family Medicine Residency, and in 2022, she became residency program director. In January this year, Dr. Lin joined the Medical Executive Committee.



HEATHER McDONALD
FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine Physician
Emanate Health

Heather McDonald, DO is a family medicine physician in San Dimas and has over 15 years of experience in the medical field. She graduated from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2007. She is affiliated with Emanate Health as well as medical facilities such as Casa Colina Hospital and Hoag Hospital Newport Beach. She is accepting new patients and telehealth appointments. Dr. McDonald is trained and experienced in a wide variety of health conditions and clinical disorders associated with general medicine, providing the highest standard of patient care.



AUDREY SUI
FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine
Cedars-Sinai - Family Practice

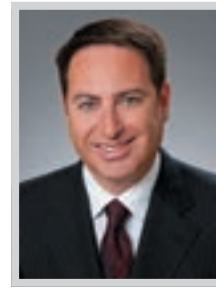
Audrey Sui, DO is a highly-rated, board-certified family medicine specialist known for expertly diagnosing, treating, and managing a wide array of related conditions or procedures. Utilizing the latest medical advancements and evidence-based practices, Dr. Sui empowers patients to confidently navigate their health journey, specializing in preventive medicine, primary care, wellness care, or comprehensive wellness support. Serving the Playa Vista community, Dr. Sui is dedicated to enhancing lives through expert, patient-centered care.



CHIAO ANGEL YEN
FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine
PIH Health

Chiao Yen MD is a board-certified family medicine physician. She joined PIH Health after her residency and has been with the organization for over 10 years providing exceptional patient-focused care. An PIH Health physician leader, Dr. Yen serves on various committees within the organization contributing to its evolution and growth. During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Yen served on the COVID-19 Workflow and Triage Emergency Committee, the Telehealth Clinic Pilot Committee, the Physician Burn Out Committee and the Task Reduction Committee.



MARC EDELSTEIN
GASTROENTEROLOGY

Attending Physician
Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Marc Edelstein is a leader in the field of gastroenterology. He cares for patient with difficult and challenging GI problems. He is on the forefront in the treatment of serious and complicated diseases. This is in addition to his academic and administrative work. Dr. Edelstein has chaired many of the Cedars-Sinai medical committees and has risen through the institution to become the chief of staff, leading 2,800 physicians. His community involvement runs deep in the Los Angeles community and he gives of his time generously in both teaching residents and in medical and GI care.



MARWAN FAKIH
GASTROENTEROLOGY

Professor, Medical Oncology and Therapeutics Research; Judy and Bernard Briskin Distinguished Director in Clinical Research; Associate Director, Clinical Sciences; Medical Director, Briskin Center for Clinical Research; Division Head, GI Medical Oncology
City of Hope

Dr. Marwan Fakh has focused his clinical research on therapeutic interventions in advanced colorectal cancer over the last 25 years. His work in this area has focus on prognostic and predictive biomarkers, targeted therapy, cytotoxic therapy, and immunotherapy. During this time, he has served as the PI of more than 100 clinical trials, conducted more than 20 investigator initiated trials, and published approximately 300 peer-reviewed articles.



PIH Health Congratulates Our Top Doctors

Jeremy Chuang MD – Hematology/Oncology

Pinal Doshi MD – Internal Medicine

Jerry Floro MD – Cardiology

Sahir Gharib MD – Family Medicine & Sports Medicine

Nina Hooshvar MD – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Jason Lai MD FACS – Urology

Amber Lin MD – Family Medicine

Andrew Nguyen MD MBA – Gastroenterology

Chiao Angel Chen MD – Family Medicine



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JEFFREY A. KAHN
GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Professor of Clinical Medicine; Medical Director, Liver Transplant Program
Keck Medicine of USC*

Jeffrey A. Kahn MD is the medical director of the liver transplant program at Keck Medicine of USC. The program he leads serves a very diverse population, including those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Dr. Kahn's mentors taught him to provide high-quality patient care with empathy and compassion and he strives to do so every day, and to be a role model for the medical students, medical residents, gastroenterology fellows, and liver transplant fellows he teaches. He is also a founding member of the LGBTQ taskforce for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.


ANDREAS KAISER
GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Professor of Surgery;
Chief, Division of Colorectal Surgery
City of Hope*

Andreas M. Kaiser, MD, is professor and chief of the Division of Colorectal Surgery in the Department of Surgery at City of Hope, a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. Dr. Kaiser has extensive experience in every aspect of even the most complex colorectal diseases and has become a referral center for challenging cases. He provides comprehensive interdisciplinary management for colorectal and anal cancer, hereditary colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, acute/chronic diverticulitis, functional disorders of the colon and rectum, and benign disorders of the anus.


ANDREW NGUYEN
GASTROENTEROLOGY

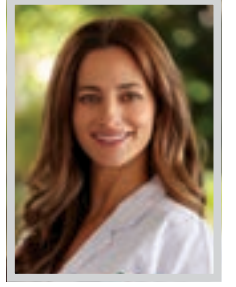
*Gastroenterology
PIH Health*

Andrew Nguyen MD MBA is a dual board-certified gastroenterologist and hepatologist, recognized for his clinical excellence, academic contributions, and dedication to advancing digestive health. Dr. Nguyen has established himself as a well-published author with numerous peer-reviewed journal articles spanning topics such as endoscopic innovation, pancreatic cystic disease, gastrointestinal bleeding management, and complex biliary and pancreatic pathology. Today, as a staff gastroenterologist at PIH Health Downey Hospital, Dr. Nguyen maintains a high-volume clinical practice managing complex gastrointestinal diseases.


MICHAEL PIMIENTA
GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Gastroenterology
PIH Health*

Michael Pimienta MD is an accomplished gastroenterologist and physician-scientist whose career reflects an exceptional blend of clinical expertise, academic productivity, and scientific innovation. He has secured multiple highly competitive National Institutes of Health R01 Grant Supplements—an achievement that underscores the quality and significance of his research. These awards have supported his independent investigations into the underlying mechanisms, progression, and treatment of liver and gastrointestinal diseases, contributing to the broader scientific understanding of conditions that affect millions.


TINA STORAGE
GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Gastroenterology
Adventist Health Glendale*

Tina Storage, MD is a board-certified and fellowship-trained gastroenterologist specializing in the treatment of functional digestive diseases. She brings a depth of clinical expertise and a whole-person approach to her role at Adventist Health Glendale's Advanced GI Center — an award-winning tertiary care destination — where she treats patients with inflammatory and functional bowel diseases. Her clinical expertise includes general gastroenterology as well as complex conditions such as celiac disease, GERD, gastrointestinal bleeding, inflammatory bowel disease, SIBO, and functional bowel disorders.


WALID S. ARNAOUT
GENERAL SURGERY

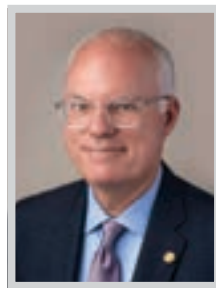
*General Surgeon
Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital
Medical Center*

After completing his fellowship in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant as well as hepatobiliary & pancreatic surgery, Dr. Walid Arnaout became a full-time faculty member at the Dumont UCLA Transplant Center. In addition, he became an attending surgeon and associate director of the Liver Transplant Program at Cedars-Sinai until 2001. For over 10 years, Dr. Arnaout has maintained private practice in general surgery, trauma, and surgical oncology. He now has over 34 years of experience as a general surgeon who specializes in surgery of the liver bile ducts and pancreas.


AVO ARTINYAN
GENERAL SURGERY

*General Surgery
Adventist Health Glendale*

Dr. Artinyan is a board-certified general surgeon and fellowship-trained surgical oncologist and colorectal surgeon, recognized nationally for his expertise in minimally invasive gastrointestinal cancer surgery. Regarded as one of the leading colon, rectal and gastric cancer specialists in Southern California, he specializes in laparoscopic, robotic and transanal approaches to colon and rectal cancer, with particular recognition for organ-preserving and sphincter-preserving techniques in rectal cancer care. An early developer of transanal minimally invasive surgery (TAMIS), Dr. Artinyan has helped shape the modern field of advanced rectal cancer surgery.


O. JOE HINES
**HEPATOBIILIARY/
PANCREATIC SURGERY**

*Executive Medical Director,
Department of Surgery at UCLA Health;
William P. Longmire, Jr. Chair in Surgery;
Surgeon-in-Chief, Ronald Reagan UCLA
Medical Center
David Geffen School of Medicine
at UCLA*

O. Joe Hines, MD, FACS, is nationally recognized for his expertise in pancreatic surgery, complex abdominal procedures, and advanced laparoscopic techniques. Dr. Hines leads a team of more than 160 surgeons and 120 trainees providing care across multiple UCLA Health sites in Southern California. Dr. Hines directs a robust research program on pancreatic carcinogenesis, with a particular focus on the impact of diet in cancer development.


M. RAASHID SHEIKH
**HEPATOBIILIARY/
PANCREATIC SURGERY**

*Associate Professor, Clinical Surgery;
Section Chief, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic
Surgery; Program Director, HPB Clinical
Fellowship, Keck School of Medicine of USC
Keck Medicine of USC*

M. Raashid Sheikh, MD, MHA, FACS is a nationally recognized leader in hepatobiliary and pancreatic (HPB) surgery, renowned for pioneering minimally invasive and robotic techniques that have transformed patient care in Southern California. As section chief of HPB Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, Dr. Sheikh directs one of the region's busiest HPB services, delivering advanced cancer care and innovative surgical solutions to a diverse patient population.


PINAL DOSHI
INTERNAL MEDICINE

*Chief Medical Officer; Physician
PIH Health*

Pinal Doshi MD is an internist at PIH Health and a distinguished physician leader with more than three decades of medical experience marked by steadfast dedication to patient care, health-care leadership, and the advancement of medical practice. Dr. Doshi completed medical school in India, then completed his medical training at Loma Linda University in California and United Hospital Medical Center in New Jersey. His breadth of experience includes extensive expertise in managed care, utilization management, medical group operations, and hospital management, and he has worked for multiple organizations.



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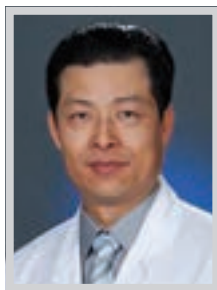
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S. THOMAS CARMICHAEL
NEUROLOGY
 Professor and Chair,
 Department of Neurology
 David Geffen School of Medicine
 at UCLA

S. Thomas Carmichael, MD, PhD, serves as chair of the Department of Neurology at UCLA Health and as a professor of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. A leading scientist in stroke, neurorehabilitation, and brain repair, he directs an active research laboratory focused on how the brain recovers from injury. His work has helped define the modern field of neural repair and has been published in top scientific journals. He has advanced discoveries from his lab into multi-site clinical trials and has led NIH and national policy summits.



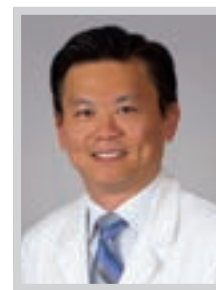
LANCE LEE
NEUROLOGY
 Director, Neuroscience Institute
 Adventist Health Glendale

Lance Lee, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and a widely respected physician-leader who has advanced stroke care, clinical research, and neuroscience services for the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valley communities for nearly two decades. He serves as director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Adventist Health Glendale and is director of the hospital's Neuroscience Institute, where he has helped build a high-performing program known. A physician-scientist at heart, Dr. Lee has contributed to the stroke literature and scientific discovery through peer-reviewed publications and national presentations.



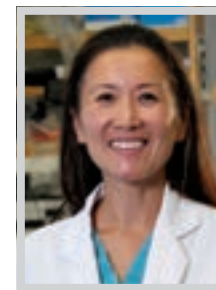
YASER BADR
NEUROSURGERY
 Director, Neurosurgery
 Adventist Health Glendale

Yaser Badr, MD is a fellowship-trained neurosurgeon specializing in brain tumors, brain aneurysms, cerebrovascular neurosurgery, endovascular surgery, brain arteriovenous malformations (AVMs), and complex and minimally invasive spine surgery. His clinical practice also includes the management of acute stroke, traumatic brain injury, traumatic and degenerative spine conditions, complex spinal reconstruction, and peripheral nerve surgery. Drawing on extensive subspecialty training, Dr. Badr is committed to providing comprehensive, leading-edge care for patients with both routine and highly complex brain and spine disorders.



PATRICK C. HSIEH
NEUROSURGERY
 Professor, Neurological Surgery; Edwin M. Todd/Trent H. Wells, Jr. Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurological Surgery, Keck School of Medicine
 Keck Medicine of USC

Throughout the past 20 years, Patrick C. Hsieh, MD, MSc, MBA has dedicated herself to excelling in clinical practice, education, and research. He has developed a highly successful practice at USC, where she treats patients with complex spine conditions, including spinal tumors, deformities, and those undergoing revision surgeries. The achievement he is most proud of is his significant contribution to establishing and shaping the USC Spine Center into a leading, multidisciplinary institution that has earned both national and international acclaim.



LINDA LIAU
NEUROSURGERY
 Chair, Department of Neurosurgery; Professor and Director, UCLA Brain Tumor Center; Professor of Neurosurgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Director, UCLA Brain Cancer SPORE, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
 UCLA Health

Linda M. Liao, MD, PhD, MBA, is an internationally recognized neurosurgeon, scientist, and academic leader whose influence extends far beyond the operating room and research laboratory. A leading neurosurgeon and scientist, her clinical expertise includes intraoperative functional brain mapping and advanced imaging techniques to guide the surgical removal of brain tumors such as gliomas, meningiomas, and metastatic lesions.



BJORN LOBO
NEUROSURGERY
 Neurosurgeon; Vice-Chair of Surgery
 Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital
 Medical Center

Dr. Bjorn Lobo is a board-certified, dual fellowship-trained neurosurgeon accomplished in treating the full spectrum of pathologies, from spinal stenosis, degenerative disc disease and sciatica to brain tumors, trigeminal neuralgia and trauma. Utilizing the least invasive techniques, he prides himself on restoring patients' quality of life with safer, quicker recoveries and better overall motion preservation. Dr. Lobo is committed to embracing advancements that improve patient outcomes. His use of the transpoas approach, for example, has been instrumental in decreasing the time a patient requires anesthesia.



CHRISTINA HAN
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
 Interim Chair and Executive Medical Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
 UCLA Health

Dr. Christina S. Han is a highly respected and accomplished clinician-scientist and national leader in maternal-fetal medicine whose work has advanced care for high-risk pregnancies, particularly in diabetes and endocrine disorders and advanced prenatal diagnosis. As interim chair and executive medical director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and co-director of UCLA's Diabetes & Endocrine Disorders in Pregnancy Program, she has transformed maternal care.



NINA HOOSHVAR
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
 Obstetrics & Gynecology
 PIH Health

Nina Hooshvar MD is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist and has been with PIH Health since 2019. Dr. Hooshvar loves working with women as their partner in health and finds it gratifying to be able to listen to them, advocate for them, and be present for them during the biggest days of their lives—when they deliver babies—as well as in times when they require critical care. She sees patients across a span of ages, including those who are in adolescence and those in their older years, addressing their spectrum of needs and bringing her compassion and enthusiasm for helping others to every visit and interaction.



ANDREW ARTZ
ONCOLOGY
 Professor, Division of Leukemia, Department of Hematology & Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation
 City of Hope

Dr. Andrew Saul Artz, MD, MS, has distinguished himself as a nationally recognized leader in hematology and oncology, with a particular focus on improving outcomes for older adults with blood cancers. His career reflects a combination of clinical innovation, academic leadership, and impactful mentorship. One of Dr. Artz's most significant contributions has been the creation of aging-focused clinical programs that directly address the unique needs of older patients undergoing hematopoietic cell transplantation. At City of Hope, he founded the Program for Aging and Blood Cancers.



RAFFI CHALIAN
ONCOLOGY
 Gynecologic Oncology
 Adventist Health Glendale

Raffi Chalian, MD, FACOG, is a highly regarded OB/GYN and gynecologic oncologist with an extensive background in women's health. Fluent in English, Armenian, and Greek, Dr. Chalian is committed to breaking down language barriers so patients can fully understand and participate in their care. He is known for his patient-centered philosophy, taking time to discuss all appropriate treatment options and making decisions collaboratively with each patient. His patients value his excellent bedside manner, clear communication, and attentiveness. Throughout his career, he has held several prestigious academic and leadership positions.



CONGRATULATIONS

to these Adventist Health Glendale physicians for being selected as 2026 Top Doctors by Los Angeles Business Journal. The excellence they provide has made our medical center a destination for advanced clinical care.



Avo Artinyan, MD
General Surgery



Yaser Badr, MD
Neurosurgery, Spine Surgery
Director, Neurosurgery



Harry Balian, MD
Interventional Cardiology
Medical Director,
Cardiovascular Services



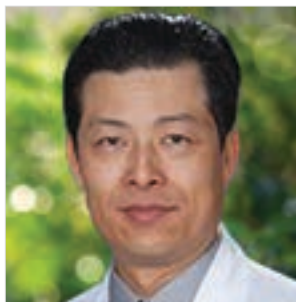
Raffi Chalian, MD
Gynecologic Oncology



Harout Dermendjian, MD
Vascular Interventional Radiology
Director, Interventional Radiology



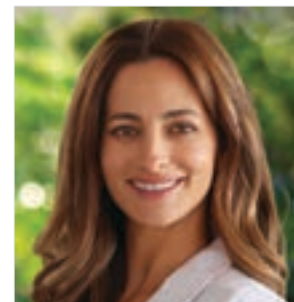
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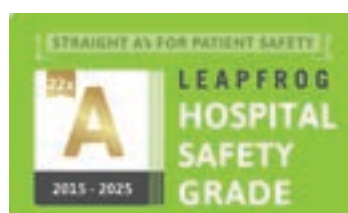
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Director,
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JEREMY CHUANG
ONCOLOGY
Hematologist / Oncologist
PIH Health

Jeremy Chuang MD is a hematology and medical oncology specialist at PIH Health in Whittier. Dr. Chuang has been practicing medicine since 2016, and has been recognized by patients, staff, and colleagues for his clinical excellence, dedication, and patient-centered approach. Leveraging his research and fellowship experience at City of Hope, Dr. Chuang helps to lead the Lung Cancer Program at PIH Health, providing exemplary care to patients and working to expand the organization's clinical trial portfolio and ensuring patients have access to advanced therapies. Dr. Chuang is known for being thorough and informative.



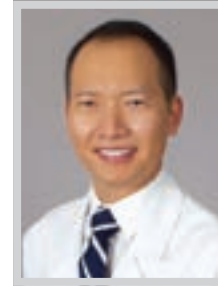
THOMAS GERNON
ONCOLOGY
Associate Clinical Professor,
Department of Surgery
City of Hope

Dr. Thomas J. Gernon is a distinguished head and neck surgeon whose career accomplishments reflect both clinical excellence and visionary leadership. His work has transformed patient care, advanced surgical innovation, and built programs that continue to impact cancer treatment nationwide. Dr. Gernon has continued to distinguish himself as an associate clinical professor and head and neck surgeon specializing in HPV-related malignancies, thyroid tumors, salivary tumors, and microvascular reconstruction. His clinical mastery in transoral robotic and laser surgery places him at the forefront of minimally invasive techniques.



LORENA GONZALEZ
ONCOLOGY
Breast Surgical Oncologist
City of Hope

Dr. Lorena Gonzalez's career reflects extraordinary resilience, leadership, and commitment to advancing breast cancer care. Her journey patient to surgeon is a testament to courage and innovation. After nine years of training and five years as a vascular surgeon, her life changed when she was diagnosed at age 37 with breast cancer. She underwent chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation, and elected to have bilateral mastectomies. Rather than returning to her previous specialty, Dr. Gonzalez made the courageous decision to re-train as a breast surgeon, transforming her personal experience into a professional mission to help others facing similar challenges.



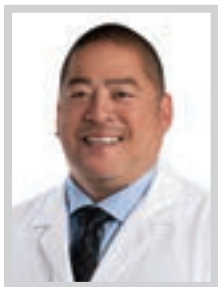
GINO IN
ONCOLOGY
Associate Professor of Medicine
Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Gino In has overseen the growth of a state-of-the-art melanoma / skin cancer clinical program that encompasses the University of Southern California Keck Hospital health care system, overseeing a multi-disciplinary team of colleagues, including surgical oncology, radiology, radiation oncology, pathology and dermatology, and also helped integrate the system-wide use of more than 10 cutting edge novel FDA-approved melanoma therapy indications/ approvals, including targeted therapy, oncolytic viral therapy, bispecific antibodies and tumor infiltrating lymphocyte therapy. He is a member of the Translational and Clinical Sciences program.



SARAH LARSON
ONCOLOGY
Associate Professor Medicine, Division
of Hematology/Oncology, David Geffen
School of Medicine at UCLA
UCLA Health

Dr. Sarah Larson has made significant contributions to hematology and oncology through her work on CAR T-cell therapies, a type of gene therapy that uses a patient's immune system to fight cancer. As an associate professor of medicine, she focuses on developing and improving these therapies to make them safer and more effective for patients. Dr. Larson is the principal investigator of a first-in-human clinical trial testing a bispecific CAR T-cell therapy that targets both CD19 and CD20 in patients with relapsed or refractory non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



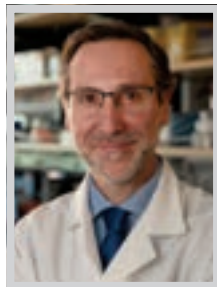
CLAYTON LAU
ONCOLOGY
Urologic Surgeon; Pauline & Martin
Collins Family Chair, Urology
City of Hope

Dr. Clayton S. Lau, MD, has established himself as one of the nation's foremost leaders in urologic oncology, particularly in the advancement of robotic-assisted and minimally invasive surgery. Over the course of his two-decade career, Dr. Lau has performed thousands of complex procedures, helping to redefine standards of care for patients with prostate, kidney, bladder, and testicular cancers. His surgical expertise, combined with his commitment to innovation, has positioned him as a pioneer in integrating cutting-edge technology—including artificial intelligence—into surgical oncology.



LEO ORR
ONCOLOGY
Hematologist; Medical Oncologist
California Hospital Medical Center

Leo Earsel Orr, MD is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. He received his medical degree from Baylor Medical School in Houston. His internal medicine residency was completed at Parkland Hospital's Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Dr. Orr then served as a clinical associate at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Orr has served on multiple hospital committees and has spearheaded several research projects throughout his career. He has worked with Good Samaritan Hospital and the University of Southern California Medical School. He has also worked with NASA as a biological engineer in the Space Medicine Branch.



ANTONI RIBAS
ONCOLOGY
Director, Tumor Immunology &
Immunotherapy Program, UCLA Health
Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center;
Professor of Medicine, Surgery, and
Molecular and Medical Pharmacology,
UCLA; Director, Parker Institute for
Cancer Immunotherapy Center at UCLA
UCLA Health

A pioneer in cancer immunology, Dr. Antoni Ribas has devoted his career to developing and refining new therapies for malignant melanoma, a disease once considered virtually untreatable. Consistently ranked among the globe's most highly cited scientists—a distinction reserved for only one in every thousand researchers—Dr. Ribas has produced discoveries that have fundamentally shaped the fields of tumor immunology and oncology.



MICHAEL ROSENZWEIG
ONCOLOGY
Chief, Division of Multiple Myeloma;
Associate Professor, Dept. of Hematology
& Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation
City of Hope

Dr. Michael A. Rosenzweig, MD has built a distinguished career as a physician-scientist and leader in hematology, oncology, and transplantation, with a particular focus on multiple myeloma and systemic amyloidosis. Currently serving as chief of the Division of Multiple Myeloma at City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, he has advanced both clinical care and research in one of the most challenging areas of hematologic malignancies. His career trajectory—reflects a lifelong commitment to excellence in patient care and scientific discovery.



DENNIS SLAMON
ONCOLOGY
Professor of Medicine; Chief, Division of
Hematology/Oncology; Associate Director
of Clinical/Translational Research, UCLA
Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer
Center; Director, Revlon/UCLA Women's
Cancer Research Program
UCLA Health

Dr. Dennis Slamon, professor and chief of hematology/oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, is widely recognized for his pioneering work in breast cancer research, particularly the development of the targeted therapy trastuzumab (Herceptin) for the treatment of HER2-positive breast cancer. In the early 1980s, Slamon identified HER2-positive breast cancer that accounts for 20% of the 1.7 million new breast cancers that occur worldwide each year.



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JANET YOON
ONCOLOGY

*Clinical Professor; Medical Director,
Pediatric Musculoskeletal Tumor Program
City of Hope*

Janet Yoon, MD, specializes in pediatric oncology/hematology because it allows her to build long term relationships with her young patients and their caregivers. Inspired by their resilience and strength, Dr. Yoon stays at the leading edge of her field so that she can introduce families to the latest therapies, including those that minimize harmful side effects. Previously, Dr. Yoon was at University of California Davis Medical Center then spent over a decade at UC San Diego/Rady Children's Hospital San Diego where she was a clinical professor and director of the pediatric solid tumor program.


ANNE L. COLEMAN
OPHTHALMOLOGY

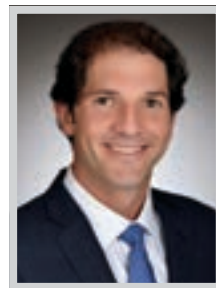
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Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, is chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at UCLA Health. The department treats more than twice as many patients as any other University of California ophthalmology department. Dr. Coleman is an accomplished researcher, focused on the diagnosis, treatment, risk factors, gene-environment interactions, and societal impact of glaucoma, cataracts, myopia, and age-related macular degeneration.


RAM ALLURI
ORTHOPEDICS

*Assistant Professor, Clinical
Orthopaedic Surgery
Keck Medicine of USC*

With more than 140 peer-reviewed research publications and a growing national reputation, Ram Alluri, MD has dedicated his career to advancing the fields of orthopaedic surgery and spine care through both scientific innovation and clinical excellence. As one of the youngest individuals in the country to hold an established endowed chair in orthopaedic surgery, Dr. Alluri contributes to his institution and specialty at a high level. The translational research program which he helps run, centers on developing novel surface technologies and small-molecule therapies for bone regeneration.


NICHOLAS M. BERNTHAL
ORTHOPEDICS

*Chair and Executive Medical Director
David Geffen School of Medicine
at UCLA*

Nicholas Bernthal, MD has built one of the nation's leading pediatric bone sarcoma practices, providing highly specialized care through a coordinated, multi-disciplinary team that includes medical and radiation oncologists, pathologists, social workers, and therapists. As department chair, Dr. Bernthal has also launched an adaptive sports program, addressing often-overlooked equity issues for individuals with physical disabilities. Dr. Bernthal is the principal investigator of an NIH- and Department of Defense-funded laboratory, where he trains fellows, residents, medical students, and undergraduates.


DAVID L. SKAGGS
ORTHOPEDICS

*Director, Spine and Pediatric Orthopaedics
Cedars-Sinai*

Dr. David L. Skaggs is renowned for his expertise in the treatment of children with spinal deformity and trauma. He has published over 250 peer-reviewed papers and delivered over 750 national and international lectures. Dr. Skaggs has designed five lines of spinal implants and developed numerous surgical techniques adopted world-wide. He has trained over 30 pediatric Orthopaedic fellows, and hundreds of residents and medical students. He greatly enjoys mentoring, teambuilding and engaging in leadership topics. Dr. Skaggs also serves as the co-editor in chief of Orthobullets, the top Orthopaedic educational internet presence.


MONIQUE ARAYA
PEDIATRICS

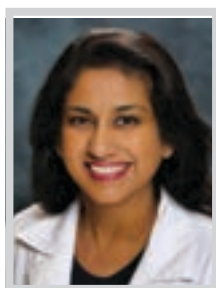
*Attending Physician
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*

Dr. Monique Araya is a distinguished board-certified pediatrician whose career in Southern California spans over two decades. Since 2007 she has served with The Pediatric Group of Beverly Hills, joining a team committed to delivering comprehensive, family-focused pediatric care. What sets Dr. Araya apart is her leadership combined with her advocacy-oriented mindset. She currently holds the role of immediate past chief of staff at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Araya's practice philosophy emphasizes preventive care and parent empowerment. She has actively engaged in wellness initiatives, diversity and inclusion efforts.


KAVITHA BHATIA
PEDIATRICS

*President and Chair,
Prime Healthcare Foundation
Prime Healthcare*

Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE, has achieved a distinguished record of leadership, impact, and service that makes her a highly deserving candidate for recognition. Her accomplishments are demonstrated through the growth and success of Prime Healthcare, where she serves as president and chair of the board of the Prime Healthcare Foundation and chief medical officer of strategy for Prime Healthcare. She played a central role in the largest acquisition in Prime's history, securing nine Ascension Illinois hospitals along with physician practices, post-acute facilities, and senior living communities.


DR. AARTI KULSHRESTHA
PEDIATRICS

*Department Chair, Pediatrics, Emanate
Health Queen of the Valley Hospital
Emanate Health*

Aarti Kulshrestha, MD is one of the most in-demand pediatricians in the San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Kulshrestha, who is known as "Dr. K" by her patients, has over 23 years of experience. Dr. Kulshrestha demonstrates a strong commitment to quality – reflected in not only her high performance in quality metrics but also her strong patient following. Dr. Kulshrestha founded her solo pediatric practice in 2012 and grew the practice significantly through to 2021, when she joined the Emanate Health Medical Group. Currently, she is the department chair of pediatrics at Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital.


BRENT MOELLEKEN
PLASTIC SURGERY

*Plastic Surgeon
Moelleken Plastic Surgery*

Dr. Brent Moelleken, M.D., F.A.C.S. is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon practicing in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. Double board certified, he received his training at Harvard University, Yale University, UCSF and UCLA. Dr. Moelleken is one of three specialty-trained surgeons in the world to complete the year-long Aesthetic Surgery Fellowship at UCLA. Dr. Moelleken has innovated various procedures including Live-Fill, autologous fat-fascial grafts; the USIC & LUSIC cheeklifts, short incision cheeklifts; the 360 Facelift, a comprehensive natural appearing facelift procedure; and the Hybrid Tummy Tuck, a short incision tummy tuck for fit moms.


GARY HOFFMAN
PROCTOLOGY

*Chief of Staff
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*

Dr. Gary Hoffman is an attending surgeon in the Department of Surgery and the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He has held several leadership positions including Clinical Chief of the Department of Surgery and currently serves as the Chief of Staff at the institution. In addition, Dr. Hoffman serves as an instructor in the Colon and Rectal Surgical Fellowship as well as the General Surgery Residency Program. He is a prolific contributor to the medical literature. His main clinical and research interests involve the robotic and laparoscopic, minimally invasive treatment of colon and rectal malignancies.



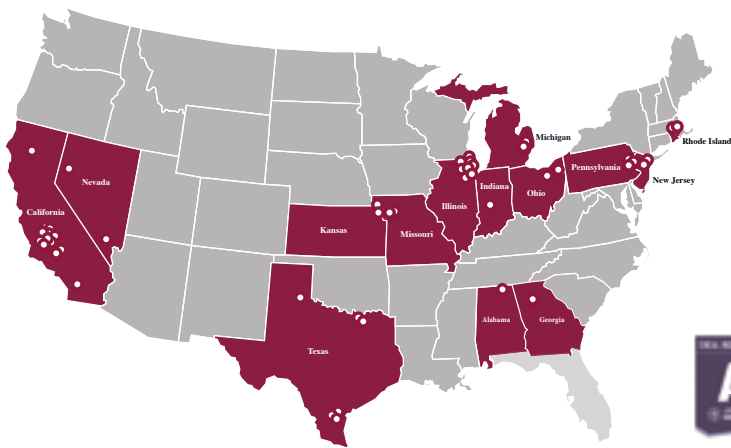
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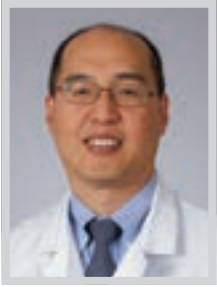


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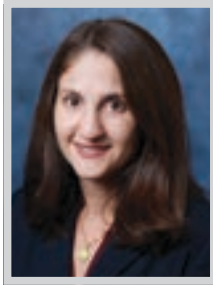
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SANG W. LEE
PROCTOLOGY

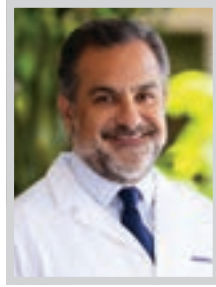
*Clinical Professor; Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery
Keck Medicine of USC*

Sang W. Lee, MD has pioneered a non-invasive surgical technique called CELS (combined endolaparoscopic surgery), which removes complex colon and rectal polyps not amendable for colonoscopic removal while avoiding bowel resection. Dr. Lee also developed a less invasive way to surgically treat Crohn's and benign rectal strictures as a part of his mission to bring less invasive techniques to patients across the country. Dr. Lee and his team have been on the forefront of using minimally invasive surgical techniques and Enhanced Recovery After Surgery protocols.


EYNAV ACCORTT
**PSYCHOLOGY /
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

*Associate Professor; Director, Reproductive Psychology Program
Cedars-Sinai*

Eynav Accortt, PhD, a clinical psychologist specializing in perinatal mental health, is the director of the Cedars-Sinai Reproductive Psychology Program. Her clinical practice and research focuses on mood and anxiety disorders during the female reproductive life course. She is interested in the association between maternal mental health and adverse pregnancy and birth outcomes, with a long-term goal of developing and testing effective interventions. While at Cedars-Sinai, she has received eight research grants, including internal and external funding.


RAMYAR MAHDAVI
PULMONOLOGY

*Director, Interventional Pulmonology
Adventist Health Glendale*

Ramyar Mahdavi, MD, is a board-certified interventional pulmonologist and a recognized pioneer in interventional pulmonology in Los Angeles. As the leader of Adventist Health Glendale's Interventional Pulmonology Program, he has helped transform the hospital into a regional referral center for complex lung nodule evaluation and early lung cancer diagnosis. Shortly after joining Adventist Health Glendale, Dr. Mahdavi performed the hospital's first robotic-assisted bronchoscopy and has since led the program to rapidly achieve its 100th robotic bronchoscopy case.


TOBY MAHER
PULMONOLOGY

*Professor, Clinical Medicine; Director,
Interstitial Lung Disease
Keck Medicine of USC*

Dr. Toby Maher is an academic pulmonologist who cares for patients with rare lung diseases including idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and lung disease related to autoimmune conditions like scleroderma and rheumatoid arthritis. In addition to running a busy clinical service he is at the forefront of his disease area having been involved in the development and writing of three sets of international treatment guidelines for pulmonary fibrosis and related lung diseases in the last five years. He is a leading international expert in the design and development of clinical trials. He has run over 100 clinical trials.


PARYUS PATEL
PULMONOLOGY

*Corporate Chief Medical Officer
Prime Healthcare*

Paryus Patel, MD, is the chief medical officer for Prime Healthcare's Region III, IV, V, and VI and corporate chief medical officer for Prime Healthcare. Dr. Patel also serves as a member of the Board of both Prime Healthcare and the Prime Healthcare Foundation (2011-Present), as well as member of the Board of Centinela Hospital Medical Center, where he is director of Cardiovascular ICU, CCU, MICU; chairman of the Institutional Review Board; member of the Medical Executive Committee; and chairman of Clinical Quality and Performance. Dr. Patel previously served as corporate director for CDS.



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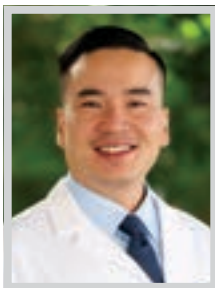
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JEKWON YEH
RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Medical Director, Radiation Oncology and Cancer Services
Adventist Health Glendale

Dr. Jekwon Yeh is a distinguished radiation oncologist serving as medical director at Adventist Health Glendale's Cancer Center. Dr. Yeh's leadership as chairman of Elsevier's ClinicalPath Genitourinary Cancer Team highlights his expertise in the treatment of prostate, bladder, and testicular cancers. His expertise also includes other cancers including the breast, head & neck, lung, gastrointestinal, brain, and more. With a substantial background in research, Dr. Yeh has contributed to several journals and presented his research at numerous conferences.



HOOMAN DJALADAT
UROLOGY

Dean's Professor, Clinical Urology
Keck Medicine of USC

Dr. Hooman Djaladat is a nationally and internationally recognized urologic oncologist known for his high-volume, complex surgical practice and his expertise in advanced minimally invasive and robotic techniques. He regularly performs challenging procedures, including innovative robotic surgeries for advanced germ cell tumors, IVC tumor thrombectomies and other complex urologic cancers. He has served as a lead investigator on multiple externally funded surgical clinical trials aimed at improving operative techniques and patient outcomes. He has more than 250 peer-reviewed publications.



JASON LAI
UROLOGY

Urology
PIH Health

Jason Lai MD FACS is a board-certified urologist at PIH Health with almost 20 years of experience. Dr. Lai's practice encompasses all aspects of the genitourinary system, including prostate enlargement, also known as benign prostatic hyperplasia genitourinary cancers such as prostate, kidney, bladder, and testicular cancer; voiding dysfunction; kidney stone disease; urinary incontinence and infections; and sexual dysfunction. He has experience in performing minimally invasive surgery. He strives to achieve the best possible outcomes for his patients and prioritizes lasting relationships with patients and peers.



NIMA NASSIRI
UROLOGY

Assistant Professor, Urology and Kidney Transplantation
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Dr. Nima Nassiri, MD, made medical history in May 2025 by performing the world's first human bladder transplant, quite an achievement in the short two years since his appointment at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The achievement has drawn national and international attention, positioning Los Angeles at the national forefront for urologic care and reconstructive transplantation. In addition to this groundbreaking work, Dr. Nassiri is a core member of the team pioneering immune-tolerance in kidney transplantation.



HAROUT DERMENDJIAN
VASCULAR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

Director, Interventional Radiology
Adventist Health Glendale

Harout Dermendjian, MD is a board-certified vascular & interventional radiologist, and UCLA assistant clinical professor. Dr. Dermendjian specializes in diagnosing and treating leg pain. His extensive expertise in arterial disease, chronic venous insufficiency, and musculoskeletal disease allows him to treat vascular etiologies of pain. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and continued his Trojan career, receiving his medical degree from the Keck School of Medicine of USC.



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