VCHCA MEDICAL SPECIALTY DEPARTMENTS

- ADDICTION MEDICINE
- BARIATRIC MEDICINE
- CARDIOLOGY
- DERMATOLOGY
- DIABETOLOGY
- ENDOCRINOLOGY
- GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY
- IMMUNOLOGY
- INFECTIOUS DISEASE
- NEPHROLOGY
- NEUROLOGY
- ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY
- PAIN MANAGEMENT
- PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION
- PULMONOLOGY
- RHEUMATOLOGY

Mission

Provide comprehensive, cost-effective, compassionate health care for our diverse community, especially those facing barriers, through an exceptional workforce, education, and forward thinking leadership.

Vision

Setting the standard in health care excellence. Healthy people in healthy communities throughout Ventura County.

This publication has been compiled and provided by:

Oceanview Medical Specialists

Our goal is to achieve the Mission and Vision of the Ventura County Health Care Agency by empowering our extraordinary clinicians with the ability to provide the highest level of care to our community through a focus on quality and access in an integrated and innovative care-model.
Across the country, timely access to clinical care has become a progressive problem. Accessible care provided by high quality medical specialists remains an important cornerstone in the foundation of our remarkable health care system.

With this goal in mind, the Ventura County Health Care Agency, collaborating with groups such as Oceanview Medical Specialists, has worked to find and retain outstanding clinicians for our community.

Within this book we hope to inform you of the many specialties available within our health care agency. This guide presents a comprehensive listing of VCHCA medical specialists, their practice locations, contact information and photographs. We hope that these photos will allow you to associate a face with a name and provide a more personal sense of referral for your patients.

As you will see we have welcomed several new clinicians, expanding upon and bringing additional services to our patients.

We are an ever-growing and expanding community that takes pride in providing the best quality care for our patients and it is my privilege to present these excellent clinicians to you.

Scott Underwood, D.O.
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How to Connect

Addiction Medicine
Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Contact Clinic
Participates in eConsult: Yes
Clinical Locations:
  - Academic Family Medical Center: (805) 652-6100
    Dr. Khan
  - Health Care for the Homeless and Transitions Clinic: (805) 652-6694
    Dr. Khan

Bariatric Medicine
Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Contact Clinic
Participates in eConsult: Yes
Clinical Locations:
  - Magnolia Medical Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
    Dr. Shore and Dr. Lyons

Cardiology
Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participates in eConsult: Yes
Clinical Locations:
  - Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900
    Dr. Dharawat, Dr. Abdi-Moradi, Dr. Nitzel, and Dr. Olson
  - Magnolia Medical Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
    Dr. Dharawat, Dr. Abdi-Moradi, Dr. Nitzel, and Dr. Olson
  - Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
    Dr. Dharawat, Dr. Abdi-Moradi, Dr. Nitzel, Dr. Olson, and Julie Morantz PA-C
  - Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215
    Dr. Dharawat, Dr. Abdi-Moradi, Dr. Nitzel, and Dr. Olson
  - Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
    Dr. Dharawat, Dr. Abdi-Moradi, Dr. Nitzel, and Dr. Olson

Dermatology
Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Contact Clinic
Participates in Telederm: Yes
Clinical Locations:
  - Anacapa Surgical Associates: (805) 652-6201
    Dr. Lynn, Dr. Chambers, Dr. Dougherty, and Dr. Gibbons
How to Connect

Endocrinology

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participates in eConsult: Yes

Clinical Locations:
- Conejo Valley Family Medical Group: (805) 418-9100
  Dr. Pinzone
- Magnolia Family Medical Center: (805) 981-5161
  Dr. Pinzone
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
  Dr. Ahl and Dr. Shah
- Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215
  Dr. Ahl
- Santa Paula Medical Clinic: (805) 933-1122
  Dr. Ahl
- Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
  Dr. Shah
- West Ventura Medical Clinic: (805) 641-5600
  Dr. Ahl

Diabetology

Daytime Urgent Consult: Tiger Text
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Contact Clinic
Participates in eConsult: No

Clinical Locations:
- Conejo Valley Family Medical Group: (805) 418-9100
  Dr. Pinzone
- Diabetic Center at Las Islas Family Medical Group: (805) 204-9510
  Dr. Cho, Dr. Cheng, and Mitchell Brand, NP
- Diabetic Center at Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
  Dr. Shah
- Magnolia Family Medical Center: (805) 981-5161
  Dr. Pinzone
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
  Dr. Ahl
- Mobile Diabetic Clinic: Santa Paula: (805) 486-2145
  Dr. Cho, Dr. Sever, and Dr. O’Bryan
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Gastroenterology

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participate in eConsult: Yes

Clinical Locations:
- Academic Family Medical Center/Colon Cancer Screening: (805) 652-6100
  Dr. Wallace
- Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
  Dr. Underwood, Dr. Covington, Dr. Lin, Dr. Menz, Dr. Pedraza, Dr. Sanchez and Elizabeth Eldakar PA
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
  Dr. Underwood, Dr. Covington, Dr. Gondha, Dr. Lyche, Dr. Menz and Elizabeth Eldakar, PA
- Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215
  Dr. Alpern
- West Ventura – Colon Cancer Screening Clinic: (805) 641-5620
  Elizabeth Eldakar, PA

Hepatology

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participate in eConsult: Yes

Clinical Locations:
- Academic Family Medical Center: (805) 652-6100
  Dr. Khan
- Immunology Clinic: (805) 652-6524
  Dr. Prichard
- Magnolia Family Medical Center (MSC-East): (805) 981-5161
  Dr. Underwood, Alexis Murray, PA
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
  Dr. Underwood, Dr. Lyche, Phil McKay, PA
- Sierra Vista Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
  Dr. Muzaffer
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Immunology

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Contact Clinic
Participate in eConsult: No
Clinical Locations:
  Immunology Clinic: (805) 652-6524
    Dr. Prichard, Dr. Donaldson, Dr. El-Sayed, and Theresa Hong FNP

Infectious Disease

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participate in eConsult: No
Clinical Locations:
  Las Islas Family Medical Group: (805) 240-7000
    Dr. El-Sayed
  Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
    Dr. Meshkaty, Dr. Barger, and Dr. Muzaffer
  Sierra Vista Family Medical Center: (805) 582-4000
    Dr. Muzaffer

Nephrology

Daytime Urgent Consult: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via the Referral Center
Participate in eConsult: Yes
Clinical Locations:
  Magnolia Specialty Clinic (805) 981-5161
    Dr. Wong, Dr. Chang, Dr. Gandhi, Dr. Kim, Dr. Goldschmidt and Phil McKay PA
  Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
    Dr. Gandhi and Phil McKay PA
  Santa Paula Clinic: (805) 525-0215
    Dr. Gandhi and Phil McKay PA
How to Connect

**Neurology**

**Daytime Urgent Consult:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**Routine Consults:** Contact clinic
**Participate in eConsult:** Yes

**Clinical Locations:**
- Conejo Valley Family Medical Group: (805) 418-9100  
  *Dr. Young*
- Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900  
  *Dr. Young*
- Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161  
  *Dr. Muthukumaran and Dr. Powell*
- Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830  
  *Dr. Muthukumaran, Dr. Powell, Dr. Maamar-Tayeb, and Dr. Young*
- Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000  
  *Dr. Muthukumaran*

**Oncology/Hematology**

**Daytime Urgent Consult:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**Routine Consults:** Contact clinic
**Participate in eConsult:** No

**Clinical Locations:**
- Adult Hematology/Oncology: (805) 652-6218  
  *Dr. Chen, Dr. Larks, Dr. Oregel, Dr. Prichard, Dr. Ouwendijk, and Dr. Dunlop*

**Pulmonology**

**Daytime Urgent Consult:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
**Routine Consults:** Request via the Referral Center
**Participate in eConsult:** Yes

**Clinical locations:**
- Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900  
  *Dr. Lipper*
- Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161  
  *Dr. Bajwa and Dr. Lipper*
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222  
  *Dr. Bajwa*
- Santa Paula Clinic: (805) 525-0215  
  *Dr. Lipper*
- Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000  
  *Dr. Lipper*
## How to Connect

### Pain Management

**Daytime Urgent Consult:** TigerConnect  
**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call  
**Routine Consults:** Contact Clinic  
**Participate in eConsult:** No  
**Clinical locations:**
- Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830  
  Dr. Chang-Chien

### Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

**Daytime Urgent Consult:** TigerConnect  
**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call  
**Routine Consults:** Contact clinic  
**Participate in eConsult:** No  
**Clinical locations:**
- Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830  
  Dr. Daniel Lee and Dr. Samuel Lee  
- Neuroscience Center of Ventura County West: (805) 652-5960  
  Dr. Daniel Lee and Dr. Samuel Lee  
- Sierra Vista Family Medical Center: (805) 582-4000  
  Dr. Daniel Lee and Dr. Samuel Lee

### Rheumatology

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**After Hours or Weekend Urgent Consultation:** VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call  
**Routine Consults:** Request via the Referral Center  
**Participate in eConsult:** Yes  
**Clinical locations:**
- Conejo Valley Medical Group (805) 418-9100  
  Dr. Farmani  
- Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161  
  Dr. Weiss  
- Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222  
  Dr. Greger and Dr. Mory  
- Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900  
  Dr. Mory  
- Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215  
  Dr. Greger
Initiating eConsult

An eConsult is an internet-based dialogue between a PCP and a specialist that addresses a clinical question about a patient. eConsult allows for quick access to specialty care.

To send an eConsult click the “communicate” tab in the menu bar while in a patient’s chart in Cerner. In the text box, where one enters the recipient of the message, type “department” and click the search button. A list of specialties available through eConsult will display. Choose the specialty desired, type your question using the eConsult template and click send. A specialist will respond to your question.

Participating Departments:
- Addiction Medicine
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT)
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Pediatric Rheumatology
- Rheumatology
- Urology

eConsult Flow

1. PCP sends questions to specialty of need using message system in CERNER EMR
2. Message arrives in specialist’s inbox for review
3. One of three outcomes:
   - Specialists will answer questions (thus completing their response to the eConsult)
   - Specialists will request additional information or tests
   - Specialists will request a face to face encounter
4. Only PCP can close an eConsult (when question has been answered to their satisfaction)

Recommendations for use:
- eConsult is not to be used for emergency cases in which an urgent response is required
- Include key history, exam findings and tests in your message
- Make sure your question is clear for the specialist
Enter “Department”

Choose Department
There is now a subject head of “eConsult Template” in Message Center. This subject line will prompt a template when selected that contains the information that the eConsult physicians are requiring from the sending physicians.
Addiction Medicine

Note from Department:
Addiction Medicine doctors have special training and experience in dealing with the disease of addiction. It is geared toward the prevention, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and recovery of persons who develop the disease of addiction and of those whose health related medical conditions are compromising their health. These substances include alcohol, prescription medications and illicit or illegal drugs.

Our physicians are board certified in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. The field of Addiction Medicine is a recognized specialty by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the U.S. Drug Addiction Treatment Act signed into law in 2000, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Board of Medical Specialties, and the American Medical Association.

The treatment of addiction requires skill in management of the emotional, behavioral and medical aspects of substance abuse. Our specialists apply medically validated principles to the evaluation of the individual patient. Our doctors are highly skilled at treating substance withdrawal helping provide comfort and dignity to those who wish to discontinue their use of alcohol or drugs. We also help initiate medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders. A variety of new medications have become available which provide great benefit to the patient as they discontinue their use of individual or multiple drugs.

Services provided:
- Initial consultation to include review of medication and drug use, psychosocial history, and review of medical history and examination
- Treatment with Buprenorphine as indicated
- Follow up visits

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Tipu Khan, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: CERNER message
Routine consultations: CERNER message
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations:
Academic Family Medical Center:
(805) 652-6100

Health Care for the Homeless and Transitions Clinic:
(805) 652-6694
Tipu Khan, MD
Family Medicine

- Medical School: University of Washington
- Residency: Harbor UCLA
- Board Certification: Family and Addiction Medicine
- Clinical Interests: Addiction Medicine and Hepatology
Bariatric Medicine

Note from Department: Bariatric Medicine is that branch of medicine that addresses the causes, prevention and treatment of obesity. Our bariatric physicians have specialized training that allows them to provide thoughtful and evidence-based treatment of obesity. The bariatric clinic provides medical evaluation, weight loss treatment and preoperative evaluation for bariatric surgery. Patients are treated in a multidisciplinary manner utilizing not only bariatric physicians but also specially trained nurses, dietitians and psychologists. Patients receive evaluation of obesity-related medical problems and complications and are prescribed a variety of dietary plan options. Our doctors will look at the patient’s level of function and psychosocial factors to tailor the program to their specific needs. At times, weight loss medication is prescribed but this is at the discretion of the physician and only in those settings where there would be a reasonable likelihood of benefit.

Services provided:
- Multidisciplinary evaluation including bariatric physician specialists, nurses, dietary specialists and psychologists.
- Detailed evaluation of medical complications of obesity
- Perform all appropriate preventive medicine interventions, such as, improvement in high blood pressure control, review of sleep apnea use, vaccinations and age-appropriate screening tests for cancer, heart disease and diabetes
- Group education meetings
- One-on-one dietary consultation

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Morgan Lyons, DO
- Kathleen Shore, DO

Contact information
Routine consultations: (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Econsult: No

Clinic Locations
Magnolia Family Medical Center (MSC-East):
(805) 981-5161
Kathleen Shore, DO
Bariatric Medicine Medical Director

- Undergraduate School: St. Mary’s College of Moraga
- Medical School: Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency: Phoenix Baptist Family Medicine Residency
- Board Certification: Family Medicine, Obesity Medicine Certificate

Morgan Lyons, DO

- Undergraduate School: Kalamazoo College
- Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency: University of New Mexico
- Fellowship: University of Arizona
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine
CARDIOLOGY

Note from Department: Our cardiologists treat the full spectrum of cardiovascular disease. They are skilled in the evaluation and management of angina, myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy, congestive heart failure and valvular heart disease. Our doctors make their recommendations based on American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association guidelines. We work closely with our primary care colleagues and tailor medical therapies to aid in achieving optimal outcomes for each individual patient.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- EKG
- Holter monitoring
- Ziopatch monitoring
- Echocardiography/Transesophageal Echo
- Cardiac Stress Testing – exercise, nuclear and stress echo
- Implantable Loop Recorders
- Device Checks

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Amita Dharawat, MD FACC
- Sohail Abdi-Moradi, MD FACC
- Cory Nitzel, MD, FACC
- Kristoff Olson, MD, FACC
- Julie Morantz, PA

Contact information
Urgent consultations: (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Request via Referral Center
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Las Posas Family Medical Group:
(805) 437-0900
Magnolia Family Medical Center
(MSC-East):
(805) 981-5161
Medicine Specialty Center West:
(805) 652-6222
Santa Paula Hospital Clinic:
(805) 525-0215
Sierra Vista Medical Clinic:
(805) 582-4000
Amita Dharawat, MD, FACC
Cardiology Medical Director

- Medical School: St. George’s School of Medicine, Summa Cum Laude
- Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- Fellowship: SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Cardiology; Advanced Imaging at Columbia University Medical Center
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Adult Echocardiography, and Nuclear Cardiology

Sohail Abdi-Moradi, MD, FACC
Cardiology

- Medical School: University of Arizona, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- Residency: Mayo Clinic, Phoenix
- Fellowship: University of Arizona
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Adult Echocardiography, and Nuclear Cardiology
Cory Nitzel, MD, FACC
Cardiology

- Medical School: University of Washington, School of Medicine
- Residency: University of Arizona, Internal Medicine
- Fellowship: University of Utah, Cardiology
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Adult Echocardiography and Nuclear Cardiology

Kristoff Olson, MD, FACC
Cardiology

- Medical School: University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- Residency: University of California, San Francisco
- Fellowship: Northwestern University Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship; Northwestern University - Advanced Echocardiography Fellowship
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Adult Echocardiography - Echocardiography (level III), Nuclear Cardiology (level II)
Julie Morantz, PA-C, ACC  
Cardiology

- Undergraduate: Villanova University
- Graduate Medical Education: Yale University, Master of Medical Sciences
- Board Certification: Physician Assistant, National Certification
Dermatology

Note from Department: The field of Dermatology specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the skin, hair, nails and mucous membranes. There are over 3,000 different skin diseases. Some of the most frequently seen disorders are the various forms of skin cancer, psoriasis, acne, hair loss, rosacea and eczema. The diagnosis of skin disorders is often made by careful visual inspection and the recognition of patterns in the presentation of rashes. Additional testing may be required in the form of scraping of skin lesions, punch biopsy or excision of the abnormal skin. Blood testing is sometimes required.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Skin screening exam
- Mole checks
- Shave and punch biopsies
- Simple and intermediate surgical excisions
- Cyro-destruction of benign and precancerous lesions
- Immunosuppressive therapy for autoimmune skin diseases

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Rikk Lynn, MD

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Daren Chambers, MD
- Alexis Dougherty, MD
- Joanna Gibbons, DO

Contact information
Urgent consultations: (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Contact Clinic
Econsult: Yes
Telederm: Yes

Clinic Locations
Anacapa Surgical Associates:
(805) 652-6201
Rikk Lynn, MD
Dermatology Medical Director

- Medical School: Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Residency: University of Illinois Chicago Hospital
- Board Certification: Dermatology
Diabetology

Note from Department: The treatment of diabetes has become very complex, often requiring combinations of highly specialized medications. We approach the treatment of diabetes in a multidisciplinary fashion employing the services of physicians, diabetes educators and dietitians. An important goal of our clinical services is to have our patients learn about diabetes and develop self-management skills. Our clinic provides comprehensive evaluation and treatment of diabetes for all age groups.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Diabetes nurse educator visits
- Dietician consultation
- Filament examination for peripheral neuropathy
- Retinal scanning for diabetic retinopathy
- Hemoglobin A1c testing
- Insulin pump management

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Theresa Cho, MD
- Scott Ahl, DO

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Joseph Pinzone, MD
- Nissar Shah, MD
- Anthony Cheng, MD
- Carlos O’Bryan, MD
- Catherine Sever, MD
- Anthony Walls, MD
- Mitchell Brand, NP

Contact information
Urgent consultations: TIGER text
Routine consultations: Contact Clinic
Econsult: No

Clinic Locations
Diabetes Center at Las Islas Family Medical Group:
(805) 204-9510

Mobile Diabetes Clinic; Santa Paula:
(805) 204-9510

Diabetes Center at Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic:
(805) 582-4000

Magnolia Family Medical Center:
(805) 981-5161

Conejo Valley Family Medical Group:
(805) 418-9100

Medicine Specialty Center West:
(805) 652-6222
Endocrinology

Note from Department: Endocrinology focuses on the hormone and glandular functions of the human body. Most diseases are a result of either too little or too much hormone secretion. Endocrinologists through history, physical examination and highly specialized testing can diagnose and treat these disorders. The most common referrals to Endocrinology Clinic are for the evaluation of thyroid disease, adrenal gland disorders, pituitary gland dysfunction, sexual hormone dysfunction, bone disorders, Lipid disorders, and diabetes.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Stimulation and suppression testing of hormonal function
- Thyroid Fine Needle Aspiration

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Scott Ahl, DO

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Joseph Pinzone, MD
- Nissar Shah, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine Consults: Request via Referral Center
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Magnolia Family Medical Center: (805) 981-5161
Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
West Ventura Medical Clinic: (805) 641-5600
Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215
Conejo Valley Family Medical Group: (805) 418-9100
Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
Santa Paula Medical Clinic: (805) 933-1122
Theresa Cho, MD  
**Diabetes Care Medical Director**  
**Las Islas Diabetic Center**  
**Medical Director, Quality, VCHCA**  
- Undergraduate Education: Johns Hopkins University  
- Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine  
- Residency: UCLA-Ventura County Medical Center  
- Board Certified Family Medicine  
- Clinical Interests: Diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, Patient Safety, Quality and Performance Improvement.

Scott Ahl, DO  
**Endocrinology**  
- Undergraduate Education: University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse  
- Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine  
- Residency: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital  
- Fellowship: Medical College of Wisconsin  
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism  
- Clinical Interests: Type I and Type II diabetes, thyroid disease, parathyroid disease, adrenal and pituitary dysfunction.
Joseph Pinzone, MD  
Endocrinology  
- Medical School: New York University School of Medicine  
- Graduate School: George Washington University, Master of Business Administration  
- Residency: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Internal Medicine  
- Fellowship: Massachusetts Gen. Hospital and Harvard University, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism  
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine and Endocrinology  
- Clinical Interests: Pituitary disease, diabetes mellitus and osteoporosis

Nissar Shah, MD  
Endocrinology  
- Undergraduate Education: University of Jaipur  
- Medical School: Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, Kashmir  
- Residency: Sister of Charity Hospital Buffalo, New York  
- Fellowship: Cedars Sinai Medical Center, UCLA  
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine and Endocrinology  
- Clinical Interests: Research fellowship in androgen excess disorders and Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
Gastroenterology

Note from Department:
Gastroenterology is a specialized field of medicine that encompasses conditions that affect the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine and biliary system. These disorders include ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, colon cancer, esophageal reflux, peptic ulcer disease. Our doctors expertise extends to diseases of the pancreas, gallbladder and bile ducts. Although gastroenterologists treat diseases of the liver, this field has undergone further specialization and is referred to as Hepatology. Besides the use of specialized blood tests, CAT scanning, MRI imaging, gastroenterologists are trained to perform a variety of procedures including upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, pancreatic biopsies through the wall of the small intestine and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- Upper endoscopy used to examine the esophagus, stomach and duodenum.
- Dilation of a narrowed or scarred esophagus in combination with upper endoscopy
- Colonoscopy used to examine the large intestine and perform polyp biopsies and removal of small carcinomas
- Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) used to visualize the bile and pancreatic ducts. Small gallstones can be removed, and dilation performed of narrowed or scarred ducts leading to the gallbladder or pancreas

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Scott Underwood, DO

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Stephen Covington, MD
- Chetan Gondha, MD
- Kip Lyche, MD
- Charles Menz, MD
- Tesu Lin, MD
- Benito Pedraza, MD
- Joel Alpern, MD
- Ian Wallace, MD
- Paul Sanchez, MD
- Elizabeth Eldakar, PA

Contact information
Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Request via referral center
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Academic Family Medical Center: (805) 652-6100
Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
Santa Paula Hospital Clinic: (805) 525-0215
West Ventura – Colon Cancer Screening Clinic: (805) 641-5620
Hepatology

Note from Department:
Doctors trained in Hepatology study, diagnose and manage the diseases that affect the liver, gallbladder and biliary tree. These doctors often treat patients who develop liver disease due to autoimmune causes such as autoimmune hepatitis, Primary Biliary Cirrhosis and Sclerosing Cholangitis. The liver may also be affected by a variety of viral infections such as hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. There has been remarkable progress in the treatment of hepatitis C. These new treatments are curative and prevent the progression of this serious infection to cirrhosis. Hepatologists manage patients who have liver damage related to alcohol use, often called, alcoholic cirrhosis. In addition, hepatologists treat some unusual and rare diseases that affect the liver such as Wilson’s Disease and Hemochromatosis. We also monitor and treat patients who have undergone liver transplant using complex regimens of immunosuppressant medication.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- Liver biopsy which may also be performed by interventional radiologist
- Evaluation and treatment of hepatitis C
- Evaluation treatment of hepatitis B
- Evaluation treatment of all forms of chronic hepatitis that lead to cirrhosis
- Treatment of patients after liver transplant
- Treatment of autoimmune liver and bile duct disease with immunosuppressant drugs and biologic agents
- Coordination with tertiary care liver transplant centers

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Scott Underwood, DO
- John Prichard, MD
- Phil McKay, PA

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Tipu Khan, MD
- Riffat Muzaffer, MD
- Kip Lyche, MD
- Alexis Murray, PA

Contact information
Urgent consultations: Pager/operator
Routine consultations: Request via referral center
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Academic Family Medical Center
(805) 652-6100
Immunology Clinic
(805) 652-6524
Medicine Specialty Center West
(805) 652-6222
Magnolia Family Medical Center (MSC-East)
(805) 981-5161
Sierra Vista Medical Clinic
(805) 582-4000
Scott Underwood, DO
Medical Director, Medicine Specialty
Center West Ventura
Internal Medicine

- Undergraduate Education: University California Santa Barbara
- Medical School: Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency: University of Arizona
- Board Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine, American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine
- Clinical Interests: Hepatology and Gastroenterology

Phil McKay, PA-C
Hepatology

- Undergraduate Education: Humboldt State University, California
- Graduate Medical Education: Pacific University Oregon
- Board Certification: National Physician Assistant Certification
- Clinical Interests: Hepatology and Nephrology
Elizabeth Eldakar, PA
Hepatology

- Undergraduate Education: Bachelor of Science University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Graduate Medical Education: Keck School of Medicine of USC Physician Assistant Program, Masters in Physician Assistant Studies A.T. Stills University -Arizona School of Health Sciences
- Board Certification: National Physician Assistant Certification

Alexis Murray, PA
Hepatology

- Undergraduate Education: Bachelor of Arts in Biology Cal State Northridge
- Graduate Medical Education: Touro University PA/MPH, Masters in PA studies and Public Health, MS in Environmental and Occupational Health
- Board Certification: National Physician Assistant Certification
- Clinical Interests: Treatment and management of Hepatitis C
Tipu Khan, MD  
Family Medicine  
- Medical School: University of Washington  
- Residency: Harbor UCLA  
- Board Certification: Family and Addiction Medicine  
- Clinical Interests: Addiction Medicine and Hepatology

Riffat Muzaffer, MD  
Infectious Disease  
- Medical school: University of Kashmir  
- Residency: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA  
- Fellowship: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and West LA VA – UCLA Infectious Disease program  
- Board certification: Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease  
- Clinical interests or additional expertise: HIV, hepatitis and tropical infections
Immunology

Note from Department: Immunology Clinic provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care to individuals who have been infected with the HIV virus. Increased use of blood testing to screen for HIV virus has led to earlier diagnosis in many cases. The use of multiple antiviral drugs in combination has led to markedly improved outcomes and control of disease. Our clinicians are highly skilled at monitoring HIV disease, screening for complications of the disorder and the treatment of the wide variety of infections that can affect an individual with diminished immune system function. Our care is comprehensive, compassionate and at the cutting edge of developments in the treatment of these disorders.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Shave and punch biopsies
- Simple and intermediate surgical excision
- Cryo-destruction of benign and precancerous lesions
- Retinal examination
- Lymph node excisional and biopsy
- Bone marrow aspiration and biopsy

Oceanview Clinicians:
- John Prichard, MD, MHS, FACP

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Jake Donaldson, MD
- Dena El-Sayed, MD
- Theresa Hong, FNP

Contact information
Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Contact clinic directly
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Medicine Specialty Center West:
(805) 652-6222
Immunology Clinic:
(805) 652-6524
John Prichard, MD, MHS, FACP
Immunology Medical Director

- Undergraduate Education: San Diego State University
- Graduate School: University of California, Berkeley in Health Sciences
- Medical School: University of California at Irvine School of Medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- Residency: Ventura County Medical Center
- Board Certified Family Medicine
- Clinical Interests: Infectious diseases, HIV medicine, hematology and oncology
Infectious Disease

Note from Department: Our Infectious Disease doctors are trained to deal with the diagnosis, control and treatment of a wide variety of infections. They serve as consultants to other physicians in cases of complex infections, such as endocarditis, osteomyelitis, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, travel related infections, antimicrobial resistance and public health epidemics. Our Infectious Disease specialists provide key consultation to both Ventura County Medical Center and Santa Paula Hospitals, and see adult patients in both the inpatient and outpatient settings.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy Clinic (OPAT)
- Antibiotic Stewardship

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Nessa Meshkaty, MD
- Melissa (Lissa) Barger, MD

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Dena El-Sayed, MD
- Riffat Muzzafer, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call for VCMC or Santa Paula
Routine consultations: Request via Referral center
Econsult: No
Webpage: www.venturafamilymed.org/rotations/infectious-disease

Clinic Locations
Las Islas Family Medical Group:
(805) 240-7000
Medicine Specialty Center West:
(805) 652-6222
Sierra Vista Family Medical Center:
(805) 582-4000
Nessa Meshkaty, MD
Infectious Disease Medical Director

- Graduate School: University of California San Diego, Applied Physiology
- Medical School: Chicago Medical School Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Residency: Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Tufts University Baystate Medical Center
- Fellowship: Tufts University/ Baystate Medical Center
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Infectious Disease

Melissa Barger MD
Infectious Disease

- Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine
- Residency: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital
- Fellowship: Los Angeles County University of Southern California
- Board Certified Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease
VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care

Dena El-Sayed, MD
Infectious Disease

- Undergraduate: McGill University, Anatomy and Cell Biology
- Medical School: Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland
- Residency: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital
- Fellowship: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Infectious Disease
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease

Riffat Muzaffer, MD
Infectious Disease

- Medical school: University of Kashmir
- Residency: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA
- Fellowship: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and West LA VA – UCLA Infectious Disease program
- Board certified: Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease
- Clinical interests or additional expertise: HIV, hepatitis and tropical infections
Nephrology

Note from Department: Nephrology includes the evaluation and treatment of kidney diseases, abnormalities in acid-base metabolism and hypertension. Nephrologists help determine whether kidney biopsy is necessary when evaluating progressive kidney failure. They have extensive experience treating conditions affecting serum sodium and potassium levels. Nephrologists manage and diagnosis abnormalities of excess acid or base in the bloodstream. Their management of hypertension is highly skilled and advanced. Patients often require multidrug regimens to help preserve kidney function and prevent heart disease and stroke. Once a patient’s kidney disease has progressed to the point of renal failure, nephrologists will work with that patient to prepare them for dialysis. These doctors provide the medical oversight of dialysis treatment in both the hospital and outpatient dialysis center setting.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- Treatment of autoimmune kidney disease with immunosuppressant and biological agents
- Complex treatment of hypertension
- The ordering and interpretation of kidney biopsy
- Preparation for kidney transplant and coordination with tertiary care transplant centers
- Management of acid, electrolyte and fluid balance in advancing kidney disease
- Treatment and oversight of hemodialysis
- Treatment and oversight of peritoneal dialysis

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Phil McKay, PA

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Susan Chang, MD
- Saumil Gandhi, MD
- Thomas Goldschmidt, MD
- Bora Kim, MD
- Calbert Wong, MD
Phil McKay, PA-C
Nephrology

- Undergraduate Education: Humboldt State University, California
- Graduate Medical Education: Pacific University Oregon
- Board Certification: Physician Assistant, National Certification
- Clinical Interests: Hepatology and Nephrology
Neurology

**Note from Department:** Our Neurology doctors specialize in the evaluation and treatment of disorders of the brain, spinal cord and nerves. These disorders include, peripheral neuropathy, seizure disorders, Parkinson’s Disease, stroke and headache. Neurology consultation includes a detailed history and specialized physical examination to provide insight into the possible diagnoses contributing to the patient’s symptoms. A variety of tests including lumbar puncture, EEG, MRI and CT scanning of the brain and spinal cord, nerve conduction velocity testing and electromyography are used to arrive at a specific diagnosis.

**Services provided:**
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- EEG interpretations
- Botulinum toxin injections
- Lumbar puncture
- Electromyography (EMG)/Nerve conduction studies (NSC)

**Oceanview Clinicians:**
- Russell Powell, MD
- Ali Maamar-Tayeb, MD

**VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:**
- Abriami Muthukumaran, MD
- Pari Young, MD

**Contact information**

Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Contact clinic directly
Econsult: Yes

**Clinic Locations**

Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830
Conejo Valley Family Medical Group: (805) 418-9100
Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900
Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
Russel Powell, MD  
Neurology

- Undergraduate Education: University of California at Los Angeles
- Medical School: Medical College of Virginia
- Residency: Emory University, Neurology
- Fellowship: Emory University, Neurophysiology
- Board Certification: Neurology
- Clinical Interests: General Neurology, stroke, and Neuromuscular Disease

Ali Maamar-Tayeb MD  
Neurology

- Undergraduate Education: University of Texas at Austin
- Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
- Residency: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and Neurology
- Fellowship: University of California San Francisco in Neuromuscular Diseases
- Board Certification: Neurology
- Clinical Interests: General Neurology, Stroke, and Neuromuscular Disease
VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care

Abirami-Muthukumaran, MD
Neurology Medical Director

- Medical School: Madras Medical College, India
- Residency: University of California Los Angeles
- Fellowship: Cedars Sinai Medical Center and University of California Los Angeles
- Board Certification: Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology

Pari Young, MD
Neurology

- Undergraduate Education: University of Southern California
- Medical School: Tufts University
- Residency: University California Los Angeles Neurology
- Fellowship: University California Los Angeles Movement Disorders
- Board Certification: Neurology
- Clinical Interests: Medical and Surgical treatment of Parkinson's Disease
Oncology/Hematology

**Note from Department:** Oncology is the field of medicine which deals with the diagnosis, staging and treatment of cancer. Our doctors evaluate each individual and determine through up-to-date clinical practice guidelines the appropriate treatment. They oversee the VCMC Infusion Center which is staffed with specialized Oncology nurses and pharmacists. The VCMC Infusion Center provides all necessary chemotherapeutic agents needed for the successful treatment of a wide range of carcinomas. Hematology services include evaluation of disorders of the blood cells. There are many disorders, such as, iron deficiency anemia, hemolytic anemia, hemochromatosis, autoimmune thrombocytopenia and coagulation disorders.

**Services provided:**
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Chemotherapy Treatment
- Interpretation of blood smear and bone marrow aspiration biopsy results
- Iron infusion

**Oceanview Clinicians:**
- Isabella Chen, MD
- Milcah Larks, MD
- Karlos Oregel, MD
- John Prichard, MD
- Michelle Azimov, MD

**VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:**
- Tom Dunlop, MD
- Robert Ouwendjik, MD

**Contact information**
- Urgent consultations: Pager/operator
- Routine consultations: Referral center or call clinic directly
- Econsult: Yes

**Clinic Locations**
- **Oncology Clinic and Infusion Center at Adult Hematology/Oncology Clinic:**
  300 Hillmont Ave, Bldg. 340 Suite 501
  Ventura, CA 93003
  (805) 652-6218
Isabella Chen, MD
Oncology Medical Director

- Medical School: Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia
- Residency: Scripps Clinic and Scripps Green Hospital, San Diego
- Fellowship: Olive View UCLA Medical Center
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, and Hematology and Oncology
- Clinical Interests: Breast, Colon, and Lung Cancer

Milcah Larks, MD
Oncology

- Undergraduate Education: Xavier University in Biology, Summa Cum Laude
- Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine
- Residency: Emory University
- Fellowship: Emory University
- Board Certification Internal Medicine and Oncology
Karlos Oregel, MD
Oncology

- Undergraduate Education: University California Riverside
- Medical School: David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine
- Residency: Internal Medicine, University of Miami
- Fellowship: Hematology and Oncology, Loma Linda University
- Board Certified Internal Medicine and Hematology and Oncology

Michelle Azimov, MD
Oncology

- Undergraduate Education: University of Michigan, Business Administration, Phi Beta Kappa
- Medical School: University of Michigan, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- Residency: University of Michigan
- Board Certified Internal Medicine
Pain Management

Note from Department: Our Pain Management Clinic is staffed by doctors who specialize in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of all types of pain. Pain may be divided into sudden or recent onset pain (acute), long-standing pain (chronic), and pain associated with a variety of medical conditions such as cancer, nerve damage and trauma. Patients are referred to the pain management clinic by their primary care doctors. Although pain management may include the use of opioid pain medications, the emphasis of our clinic is to look for other forms of treatment that will improve our patient’s pain by addressing those factors that aggravate their pain generators.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- Special attention to identifying the causes of pain, their modifiers and impact on the patient’s level of function and quality of life
- Interventional procedures, such as facet joint block, nerve block
- Skilled use of nonpharmacologic treatment of pain
- High level of expertise in using non-opioid medications to address pain
- Expert management when opioid medication is required with strict monitoring and the use of clinical practice guidelines and a patient contract

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- George Chang-Chien, DO

Contact information
Urgent consultations: Tiger Text
Routine consultations: Referral Order via Cerner
Econsult: No

Clinic Locations
Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830
George Chang-Chien, MD
Pain Management

- Medical School: Western University of Health Science
- Residency: Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Board Certification: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pain Management
- Clinical Interests: Nerve blocks, Epidurals, and Joint injections
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Note from Department: PM&R doctors specialize in musculoskeletal rehabilitation and the physical and neurologic disorders of traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and musculoskeletal medicine. PM&R doctors have a high level of expertise in palliative care, brain injury medicine, and neuromuscular medicine. These doctors are skilled at addressing conditions often associated with disabilities, such as, cognitive problems, orthopedic abnormalities, issues of bowel and bladder function, problems with walking, feeding and swallowing disorders as well as the ability to walk. They work closely with primary care physicians, often, in association with neurologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedists, physical, occupational and speech therapists.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultation
- Highly specialized patient evaluation that addresses not only musculoskeletal, neurologic and other physical issues but also includes social, emotional and vocational aspects of the patient’s life.
- Work closely with physical, occupational and speech therapists to optimize treatment tailored to the patient’s specific needs
- Perform a variety of procedures including ultrasound guided joint aspiration and injection, trigger point injections, electromyography (EMG) and nerve conduction studies (NCS)
- Management of spasticity including use of botulinum toxin injections

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
- Daniel J. Lee, MD, Medical Director
- Samuel J. Lee, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: Tiger Connect
Routine consultations: Contact Clinic
Econsult: No

Clinic Locations
Neuroscience Center of Ventura County: (805) 648-9830
Neuroscience Center of Ventura County West: (805) 648-9830
Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
VC MC Affiliated Partners in Care

Daniel J. Lee, MD, Medical Director
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

- Undergraduate: University of Washington
- Medical School: Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Residency: UCLA/West Los Angeles VA
- Board Certification: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Clinical Interests: Ultrasound-guided peripheral joint injections and musculoskeletal rehabilitation

Samuel J. Lee, MD
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

- Undergraduate: University of Washington
- Medical School: University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine
- Residency: UCLA/West Los Angeles VA
- Board Certification: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Clinical Interests: Trigger point injections, ultrasound-guided peripheral joint injections, and shoulder dysfunction
Pulmonology

Note from Department: The specialty of Pulmonology deals with the treatment of disorders of the lungs. These disorders include COPD, Interstitial lung disease, asthma, pneumonia, autoimmune damage to the lungs, asbestosis, pulmonary hypertension and pulmonary embolism. Our doctors also evaluate patients with abnormal chest x-rays and CT scans of the chest. They are skilled in the diagnosing of lung cancer which, often includes the use of fiberoptic bronchoscopy. Our doctors work closely with Respiratory Therapy specialists in overseeing the VCMC Pulmonary Function Laboratory. VCMC Pulmonology doctors also provide consultation for patients in the hospital and Intensive Care Unit.

Services provided:
- Inpatient and outpatient consultations
- Pulmonary Function Test interpretation
- Diagnostic fiberoptic bronchoscopy including endobronchial ultrasound and biopsy
- Complex ventilator management

Oceanview Clinicians:
- Ravi Bajwa, MD
- Bennet Lipper, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: VCMC Pager operator (805) 652-6075; ask for Doctor on call
Routine consultations: Request via referral center
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Las Posas Family Medical Group: (805) 437-0900
Magnolia Specialty Clinic: (805) 981-5161
Medicine Specialty Center West: (805) 652-6222
Santa Paula Clinic: (805) 525-0215
Sierra Vista Medical Clinic: (805) 582-4000
Ravi Bajwa, MD
Pulmonology Medical Director

- Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine
- Graduate School: University of Michigan School of Public Health, MPH
- Residency: Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit
- Fellowship: University of Southern California
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Critical Care Medicine
- Clinical Interests: Diagnosis and treatment of emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and pulmonary arterial hypertension.

Bennet Lipper MD
Pulmonology

- Medical School: University California San Diego
- Residency: University California Davis and Bellevue Hospital New York City
- Fellowship: Pulmonary Medicine Bellevue Hospital NYC and Critical Care Medicine Mount Sinai Hospital NYC
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Critical Care Medicine
Rheumatology

Note from Department: Rheumatology specialists treat autoimmune disease and arthritis. These conditions include rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, gout, scleroderma, myositis, vasculitis and osteoarthritis. Our doctors also treat arthritis associated with infections, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease and psoriasis. Autoimmune hepatitis and uveitis are commonly co-managed by Rheumatologists. A thorough history and physical examination focused on the immune and musculoskeletal systems is used to arrive at a diagnosis. Specialized laboratory testing, in addition to x-rays, MRI scanning and CT scans, may be required to arrive at a patient’s diagnosis. Treatment of rheumatologic conditions often involves the use of immunosuppressive biological medications, chemotherapy drugs and corticosteroids. Careful monitoring of disease and potential complications of medication is an ongoing focus of treatment.

Services provided:
• Inpatient and outpatient consultations
• Joint aspiration and injection medication
• Tendon and soft issue injections
• Ultrasound-guided aspiration and injection of joints, tendon and soft tissue
• Treatment and oversight of immunosuppressive therapy including biologic medications and chemotherapy drugs

Oceanview Clinicians
• Stephanie Greger, MD
• Rachel Mory, MD

VCMC Affiliated Partners in Care:
• Niloo Farmani, MD
• Martin Weiss, MD

Contact information
Urgent consultations: Pager/operator
Routine consultations: Referral center or call clinic directly
Econsult: Yes

Clinic Locations
Medicine Specialty Center West:
(805) 652-6222
Magnolia Specialty Clinic:
(805) 981-5161
Las Posas Family Medical Group:
(805) 437-0900
Santa Paula Hospital Clinic:
(805) 525-0215
Conejo Valley Medical Group:
(805) 418-9100
Stephanie Greger, MD
Rheumatology  Medical Director

- Undergraduate Education: University of California at Berkeley, Economics
- Medical School: UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine
- Residency: White Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles
- Fellowship: Boston University, Rheumatology
- Board Certified Internal Medicine, and Rheumatology
- Clinical Interests: Scleroderma and Dermatomyositis

Rachel Mory, MD
Rheumatology

- Undergraduate Education: University of California at Los Angeles, Physiological Science and Psychology
- Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine
- Residency: UCLA – Olive View Medical Center
- Fellowship: UCLA – Olive View Medical Center, Rheumatology
- Board Certified  Internal Medicine, and Rheumatology
Niloo Farmani, MD  
Rheumatology  
- Undergraduate: University of California at Los Angeles, Neurosciences  
- Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine  
- Residency: Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Los Angeles  
- Fellowship: UCLA Olive View Medical Center, Rheumatology  
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine and Rheumatology  

Martin Weiss, MD  
Rheumatology  
- Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine  
- Residency: Detroit General Hospital, Internal Medicine  
- Fellowship: University of California at Irvine  
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine and Rheumatology