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New to UC Irvine Healthcare



Nicole P. Bernal, MD • Trauma/Burn Surgery, Surgical Critical Care and General Surgery

Dr. Nicole P. Bernal is a surgeon with UC Irvine Regional Burn Center and a trauma surgeon and surgical critical care specialist. She has expertise with skin grafts, wound reconstruction and critical care management for patients with acute thermal, chemical and electrical injuries, as well as with burn-related complications such as scar contractures and hypertrophic scarring. In her general surgery practice, she performs laparoscopic procedures

including cholecystectomy, appendectomy and hernia repair, as well as intestinal and complex intestinal-wall surgeries. Bernal received her medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland and completed her general surgery residency at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis. She did a fellowship in surgical critical care at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, followed by a burn surgery fellowship at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.



Liliane H. Gibbs, MD • Pediatric Radiology

Dr. Liliane H. Gibbs is board-certified in pediatric and diagnostic radiologist and chief of the Division of Pediatric Radiology. She uses X-ray radiography, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, CT and MRI to diagnose diseases in children from birth to age 18 for a range of clinical conditions. She also performs fetal magnetic resonance imaging in high-risk pregnant women. Her emphasis is on reduction of radiation exposure in infants and children and, when possible, minimizing use of sedation

for imaging. Gibbs received her medical degree from Lebanese University in Beirut and began her research at Massachusetts General Hospital. She completed a residency in radiology at Lahey Medical Center in Burlington, Mass. Her pediatric radiology fellowship was completed at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where she became co-chief of the Division of Pediatric Radiology before her appointment at UC Irvine. Her research interests include innovative brain imaging technology for early identification of cerebral palsy in babies.



Mauricio Gomez, MD • Neurology

Dr. Mauricio Gomez is a neurologist and neurointensivist, overseeing care of patients recovering from stroke, neuro trauma, brain surgery and other neurological conditions in the neuroscience intensive care unit of UC Irvine Douglas Hospital. He has added training in continuous EEG monitoring with in-vivo real-time neurobiochemical and oxygen analysis of the brain (micro dialysis), as well as in brain lab stereotactic aspiration and thrombolysis for intracerebral hemorrhages

and induction of hypothermia and pentobarbituate coma for multiple central nervous system pathologies. Gomez received his medical degree from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and New York Medical College. He completed his neurology residency at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY. He then completed a fellowship in neurocritical care at UCLA Medical Center. Previous to his appointment at UC Irvine, he was an attending neurointensivist at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.



Ronald M. Harris, MD, MBA • Dermatology

Dr. Ronald M. Harris is a dermatologist and dermatopathologist who provides services in general dermatology, dermatologic surgery and dermatopathology. He also has expertise in cosmetic dermatology, ablative and non-ablative laser light-based rejuvenation, pigmented lesions, sclerotherapy, and skin cancer treatment. He has dermatopathologic expertise in pigmented processes and cutaneous lymphoma. Through the Clinton Global Fund, Harris helps to run an HIV clinic serving

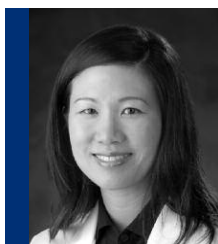
30,000 patients in Nakuru, Kenya. Harris received his medical degree from UC San Francisco and completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Penrose-St. Francis Healthcare System in Colorado Springs, and a residency in dermatology at University of Utah School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in dermatopathology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology, dermatopathology and dermatology. Prior to his appointment at UC Irvine, he was with the University of Utah School of Medicine.



Allen P. Kong, MD • Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care and General Surgery

Dr. Allen P. Kong is a trauma surgeon with UC Irvine Medical Center's Level I trauma center and a surgical critical care specialist. He also performs outpatient general surgery, including laparoscopic and complex hernia repair, stoma reversals, laparoscopic cholecystectomy and gastrostomy. His research interest involves the amelioration of organ failure in hemorrhagic shock, and he has been published on the topic

of UC Irvine's improved success with organ procurement. Kong earned his medical degree from the UC Irvine School of Medicine and completed his residency in general surgery and fellowship in surgical critical care at UC Irvine. He has been appointed course director of the surgical intensive care unit medical student rotation and is director of the Trauma Research Associates Program, which encourages undergraduate students to explore clinical research in the surgical intensive care unit setting.



Jennifer Soung, MD • Dermatology

Dr. Jennifer Soung is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in the treatment of psoriasis and other complex skin diseases. As the director of dermatology clinical research, Soung focuses on finding treatments for psoriasis. In addition to treatment of adult and pediatric skin conditions, she also has expertise in techniques for facial cosmetic rejuvenation.

Soung received her medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and did her dermatology residency at UC Irvine. She completed a fellowship in dermatopharmacology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and earned top honors for her research on pharmacogenetics. She sees patients at Gottschalk Medical Plaza and The UC Irvine Dermatology Center, both in Irvine.



Elizabeth Turner, MD • Critical Care Medicine

Dr. Elizabeth Turner is a critical care specialist and the co-director of the medical intensive care unit at UC Irvine Douglas Hospital. She has expertise caring for critically ill patients, with a particular interest in use of bedside ultrasound. Turner teaches critical care ultrasound nationwide for the Society of Critical Care Medicine to assist in real-time diagnosis, appropriate choice of therapy, and noninvasive monitoring of treatment. She plans to implement an

ultrasound training program for UC Irvine physicians to heighten patient safety and improve outcomes. Turner earned her medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C., and did an internal medicine residency at UC San Francisco. She completed a critical care medicine fellowship at Stanford University. Her research interests involve assessing outcomes – including cost and length of stay, mortality and avoidance of iatrogenic complications – resulting from use of bedside ultrasound.



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Landman Named Urology Chair, Creates Ablative Oncology Center



Dr. Jaime Landman has been appointed chair of the Department of Urology. An advocate of less-invasive treatment techniques, Landman already has established UC Irvine's Ablative Oncology Center, a multidisciplinary effort to provide patients with optimal minimally invasive solutions to oncologic processes that have been traditionally treated with extirpative procedures.

Through use of ablative technologies, the center strives to cure cancer and other diseases with the lowest level of invasiveness currently clinically available, he said. Specialists from urology, hepatobiliary surgery, gynecology, orthopaedics, cardiothoracic surgery and radiology will collaborate to advance treatment, using a variety of ablative technologies. "Our patients are going to have surgeries that are scarless, that are almost painless, that really disrupt their lives very minimally, where they can

get back to work, family and normal activity almost immediately," he said.

Landman received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed a residency in urology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He learned "minimally invasive thinking" during his fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, training under Dr. Ralph Clayman, who came to UC Irvine in 2001 to create the Department of Urology. As urology chair, Landman fills the vacancy created by Clayman when he was appointed dean of the UC Irvine School of Medicine.

Landman, who was director of minimally invasive urology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, has extensive clinical expertise in laparoscopic renal and prostate surgery and endoscopic management of urinary tract pathology. He has pioneered technology and techniques for minimally invasive management of renal malignancies and has developed novel techniques that are used globally for laparoscopic partial nephrectomy.

Hospitalist Expert Amin Appointed Chair of Department of Medicine



Dr. Alpesh Amin, nationally recognized leader in the hospitalist movement and a patient safety advocate, has been appointed chair of the Department of Medicine, the largest department in the UC Irvine School of Medicine.

"As department chair, Dr. Amin will champion the provision of safe, quality care and promote quality clinical education and research," said Dr. Ralph V. Clayman, dean of the School of Medicine.

An internal medicine specialist, Amin created the hospitalist program at UC Irvine Medical Center. Under Amin's leadership, the UC Irvine hospitalist program, one of the first in the nation, has become one of the most respected in the country.

Amin has received numerous accolades in recognition of his leadership, service and scientific innovation, including the American College of Physicians' 2008 Laureate Award for excellence in medical care, education and research; American College of Physicians' Top 10 Hospitalists Award in 2009; and the Society of General Internal Medicine Outstanding Service Award in 2009. Last fall, he received the Venous Disease Coalition Research Award for his contributions to the understanding and treatment of thromboembolic and venous disease.

He received his medical degree from the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University and completed his residency in internal medicine at UC Irvine, and joined the faculty in 1994. He also earned an MBA from the Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine.

News in Brief

More than 90 UC Irvine Healthcare physicians have earned the distinction of being named **Best Doctors in America**[®], an honor reserved for the top 5 percent of U.S. doctors. The independent organization asked more than 50,000 physicians across the nation to identify the most skilled among their peers in more than 400 medical subspecialties. Additionally, the Orange County Medical Association has recognized 58 UC Irvine Healthcare doctors as "**Physicians of Excellence**" for quality of care, leadership, teaching, mentoring, research and humanitarian service.

Neurology, neurosurgery and neurodiagnostic physicians' outpatient clinical offices are now located in the new UC Irvine Neurosciences Center in Pavilion I at UC Irvine Medical Center. The move improves the specialists' ability to collaborate across teams and enhances patients' access to comprehensive service.

The American Heart Association has recognized UC Irvine Healthcare's commitment to the **highest standards of care for heart failure patients**. The Get With The Guidelines – Heart Failure Silver Plus Award is given to healthcare entities that have achieved at least 85 percent compliance for one year with AHA-specified standards of care for heart failure patients. UC Irvine's compliance rate was 96 percent.

Orthopaedic surgeon **Dr. Bang H. Hoang** and colleagues have been presented the 2011 Kappa Delta Ann Doner Vaughan Award for their work advancing the understanding of how bone cancer spreads. The award, which comes with a \$20,000 grant, is considered one of the most prestigious honors bestowed by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Orthopaedic Research Society.

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