

## PHYSICIAN REFERRAL GUIDE

# Thoracic Surgery and Oncology



## Referrals

### Refer a patient:

- Visit [www.ucsfhealth.org/thoracic](http://www.ucsfhealth.org/thoracic) for referral instructions, including online, fax and MD Link options.

### Need help with referrals?

- **Physician Referral Services**  
(800) 444-2559 | (415) 353-4395  
[referral.center@ucsf.edu](mailto:referral.center@ucsf.edu)  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time
- **Thoracic Surgery and Oncology**  
(415) 885-3882

**UCSF Health Thoracic Surgery and Oncology** evaluates and treats patients with complex thoracic diseases, including lung and esophageal cancers, mediastinal tumors and advanced benign conditions. Thoracic surgeons collaborate closely with oncology specialists to provide coordinated care from diagnosis through treatment and follow-up.

As part of UCSF Health’s nationally recognized thoracic surgery program, the clinic manages high-acuity cases and second opinions requiring advanced surgical expertise.

## Procedures and Services

- **Minimally invasive and robotic surgery:** Advanced thoracic procedures using minimally invasive and robotic techniques
- **Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS):** Diagnostic and therapeutic thoracic procedures
- **Lung resections:** Robotic and minimally invasive wedge resections, segmentectomies and lobectomies
- **Esophagectomy:** Open and minimally invasive approaches
- **Hyperhidrosis surgery:** Including endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy and robotic selective sympathectomy
- **Image-guided thoracic procedures:** Diagnostic and therapeutic interventions
- **Multidisciplinary tumor boards:** Thoracic and molecular case review

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### Why Refer to UCSF?

- **Expertise in complex cases:** High-volume thoracic surgeons with experience in advanced minimally invasive and robotic techniques. UCSF surgeons pioneered robotic and minimally invasive thoracic surgery approaches designed to improve patient outcomes.
- **Multidisciplinary, personalized care:** Close collaboration among thoracic surgery, oncology, pulmonology, radiology, pathology and radiation oncology specialists, with coordinated case review through multidisciplinary tumor boards
- **Access to innovation:** Availability of clinical trials and advanced therapies not widely offered at other centers
- **Continuum of care:** Coordinated management from diagnosis through surgery, oncology treatment and follow-up, with timely communication back to referring providers
- **National recognition for excellence:** UCSF Health is ranked #3 in the nation for pulmonology & lung surgery and is recognized as “High Performing” for lung cancer surgery by U.S. News & World Report.

### When to Refer

- **Pulmonary nodules or lung masses:** Suspicious findings, including nodules  $\geq 6$  mm or interval growth on imaging
- **Thoracic malignancy:** Suspected or confirmed lung or esophageal cancer, including early-stage disease
- **Mediastinal, chest wall or airway tumors:** Lesions requiring surgical evaluation
- **Complex pleural space or chest wall disease:** Cases requiring advanced surgical management or second opinion
- **Hyperhidrosis:** Patients who have failed maximal medical management
- **Thoracic outlet syndrome:** Patients with vascular or neurogenic TOS who prefer minimally invasive robotic surgery for treatment

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