

UC Irvine Medical Center has an opening for a Director of Head and Neck Pathology at UC Irvine Health- a 6-hospital health system that is part of an ambitious university in a most sought-after region of California.

<https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/JPF09858>

UC Irvine Medical Center and University

Founded in 1965, UCI is a top hospital and top-10 public university according to the U.S. News & World Report and home to several NIH-funded centers, including the ADRC, Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (CFCCC), and Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS). UCI already boasts 3 Nobel Laureates despite being a relatively young university and an additional 2 Laureates who came through UCI. With philanthropic support, the UCI School of Medicine is now joined by the Samueli Institute for Integrative Health and new Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Population & Public Health in the UCI College of Health Sciences. Since 2019, UCI has recently successfully raised 2.4 billion dollars through its Brilliant Future campaign.

UCI Health encompasses 6 hospitals with over 1,000 beds. As the centerpiece for UCI's Brilliant Future campaign, a new hospital complex on the Irvine-Newport Beach campus was opened in 2024. UCI is the university academic medical center in Orange County, the nation's 6th largest county and one of the most desirable locations to live in the US. In support of its diverse population, UCI is Orange County's largest employer, contributing \$7 billion annually to the local economy and \$8 billion statewide.

A growing and dynamic Pathology Department and Anatomic Pathology Division

Heal

The department is growing rapidly with hiring of both Anatomic and Clinical Pathology faculty and will continue to grow as needed to meet the needs of the 6 hospitals. The Pathology faculty has approximately doubled over the last decade and will continue to expand to meet its clinical, research, and teaching missions. The histology and immunohistochemistry lab provides a strong portfolio of stains while the Molecular Pathology group has brought on new and quick turnaround testing including a solid tumor NGS panel.

Discover

Translational Research is supported by an exceptional Experimental Tissue Resource that assists with IRB approvals, specimen searches, tissue microarray constructions, and immunostains. Internal grants (up to \$5000) for trainee-faculty projects may be provided to support translational research. Collaborations with surgeons, oncologists, and basic scientists are strongly encouraged. Some line research faculty maintain basic science laboratories on the UC Irvine main campus. Quick and convenient John Wayne Airport serves Orange County while Long Beach Airport and Los Angeles International Airport provide additional options for travelling to meetings.

Teach

We have a growing training dimension- including a residency program and surgical pathology, gastrointestinal pathology, hematopathology, cytopathology and neuropathology fellowships as well as clinical pathology fellowships. The trainees are collegial, kind, and a pleasure to work with. Drs. Mari Perez-Rosendahl (Program Director) and Gagan Mathur (Associate Program

Director) have rapidly built up an impressively organized residency program and every year seem to recruit stronger and better trainees. The quality and joy that the residents have are invigorating. Some of the faculty give Pathology lectures and labs to the UCI medical students. Medical students take pathology electives in the department. We host visits of undergraduates and high school students. Some of the faculty chair or serve on the Ph.D. thesis committees of graduate students in the Experimental Pathology Graduate Program. We have a group that organizes lectures to foreign sites including institutions in Nepal and Ecuador.

Living in sunny and sought-after Orange County, California

Safe Living

Irvine and other cities in Orange County are considered among the safest in the country. Irvine has been the safest city with over 250,000 people for about 2 decades running.

(<https://cityofirvine.org/news-media/news-article/irvine-safest-city-18th-year-0>). Seven Orange County cities have been named among the top 10 safest cities in California (<https://abc7.com/post/7-of-californias-top-10-safest-cities-are-in-orange-county-report-says/14689043/>).

Elite Schools

Irvine and other cities in Orange County have outstanding school districts (<https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/c/orange-county-ca/>). US News & World Report ranked 1,646 California High Schools. With a state population of almost 40 million, it should be appreciated how excellent the top schools are. Whitney High School (Cerritos, #1 in California), Oxford Academy (Cypress, #2 in California), Orange County School of the Arts (Santa Ana, #33), Troy High School (Fullerton, #23), University High School (Irvine, #53), Northwood High School (Irvine, #66), and Portola High School (Irvine- #54) are among the many Orange County public schools that rank in the top 0.1% to top 3.5% of California schools and are near the medical center (<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/rankings>).

Elite Universities

California is home to exceptional universities. The University of California system is arguably the greatest public university system in the world producing over 70 Nobel laureates since the 1930s. Tuition for in-state residents is much lower than that of private universities. Cal Tech is in Pasadena and Stanford University is in Northern California. There are many other superb private universities.

Southern California Life

The Douglas Hospital is 10 mins from Angels Stadium (LA Angels), Honda Center (Anaheim Ducks) and 15 mins from Disneyland and California Adventure. The LA Rams, LA Lakers, LA Sparks, LA Dodgers, LA Football Club, and LA Galaxy are accessible in nearby Los Angeles. The famous Orange County beaches are popular for surfing, volleyball, and relaxing. Outdoor sports are facilitated by excellent weather all year and by prolific public parks, tennis courts, pickleball courts, golf courses and other facilities. The Orange County Badminton Club is near the Medical Center. There are about 277-280 sunny days a year in Orange and Irvine with mild winters. Weekend skiing is about 90 minutes away (<https://enjoyorangecounty.com/closest-ski-resorts/>). Hiking trails in city, state and national parks abound in Orange County and Southern California. UC Irvine has a boathouse in the Newport Back Bay where kayaks and water sports are available. Close by is the pristine Crystal Cove State Park with vintage cottages and tidepools. The famous Pacific Surfliner train takes you north to Los Angeles and all the way to ritzy Santa Barbara

or down south, with unforgettable Pacific Ocean views, to San Diego. A catamaran ride to Catalina Island with crystal clear waters will send you back to the halcyon days of Bing Crosby and other old time Hollywood glitterati. One can enjoy whale (Grey, Blue, Humpback etc.) and dolphin watching from Newport Beach or Dana Point.

The Segerstrom Center for the Arts and FivePoint Amphitheatre in Orange County and the Ahmanson Theatre and Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles are some of the performing arts venues in Southern California. There are many museums in Southern California (<https://socalmuseums.org/museums/>). Southern California has a large diverse population with a correspondingly amazing range of foods, restaurants and grocery stores.

Strong Property Values

Due to the location's desirability including for families, it is not surprising therefore that Orange County real estate is expensive. However, property value growth over the long term has been resilient and very strong historically.