

UC San Diego Health

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Christopher Kane, MD, serves as senior assistant vice chancellor of clinical affairs at UC San Diego Health Sciences and chief executive officer for UC San Diego Health Physician Group. In these dual roles, Dr. Kane collaborates with UC San Diego leadership to ensure the UC San Diego Health Physician Group achieves the highest standards of service, access, quality, safety and patient satisfaction while ensuring the clinical enterprise is supportive of physician excellence.

He also makes sure the group is integrated to support the unique and growing needs of an expanding academic health system and its growing regional network of providers.

Dr. Kane has authored more than 390 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters with a focus on prostate cancer risk factors and outcomes, prostate cancer surgery, and minimally invasive surgery for prostate and kidney cancer. He serves on the editorial boards of several major urology journals as well as the American Urologic Association Prostate Cancer Management Guidelines Committee. Dr. Kane co-chaired the National Cancer Institute's Renal Cell Carcinoma Advisory Task Force from 2012 to 2016 and was a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Prostate Cancer Management Guidelines Committee for 10 years. He was the founding chair of the Urology Department in the UCSD School of Medicine and led Urology from 2007 through 2020.

Prior to joining UC San Diego Health, Dr. Kane held leadership positions at UC San Francisco and the Naval Medical Center San Diego. He was awarded the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Medal by UC Davis in 2011. In 2014, he was elected to membership in the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons, and in 2018, he was elected to the Clinical Society of Genitourinary Surgeons. Dr. Kane served as President of the Western Section of the American Urologic Association in 2024 and is currently a trustee and president of the American Board of Urology. He is a retired navy captain and a decorated veteran of Desert Storm.

Dr. Kane completed his residency at the Naval Medical Center in Oakland, Calif. He received his medical degree from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Kane is board certified in urology.