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POSITION PROFILE

Interventional Pulmonologist

Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine

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This Position Profile is intended to provide information about the University of California, Irvine and the position of Faculty, Interventional Pulmonology in Irvine, CA. It is designed to assist qualified individuals in assessing their interest.

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The Opportunity:

UCI Health is Orange County's only academic health system and is home to renowned healthcare providers and leading-edge medical facilities. UCI has been **ranked among the 50 best U.S. medical schools for research and is widely regarded as one of California's leading research institutions**. The mission of the Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) School of Medicine is to provide compassionate, high-quality care to our patients; to nurture innovation in research, and to teach patients, families, medical trainees, and ancillary health care providers about lung health, disease, and treatment.

Division faculty members include **nationally and internationally recognized experts in interventional pulmonary medicine** and in the diagnosis and treatment of complex airway problems. **Few programs in pulmonary at U.S. medical schools offer this same level of expertise and training.**

Our highly skilled physicians at UCI Medical Center, Orange County's only university hospital, deliver state-of-the-science care to patients with pulmonary diseases or critical illness, including pleural diseases, malignant mesothelioma, emphysema, lung cancer, pneumonia, tuberculosis, asthma, chronic bronchitis and persistent cough. These specialists have extensive expertise in bedside critical care ultrasound screening and provide instruction in a range of didactic and simulation training programs for intensive care-based ultrasound testing.

Due to departmental growth and programmatic expansion, the Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine at UCI Health is currently recruiting for a full-time, subspecialty trained **Interventional Pulmonologist** to join the highly active Department of Medicine. The successful candidate will be an excellent clinician with a strong commitment to clinical training, research, and educational programs.



Where You'll Work:

- **Innovation in Interventional Pulmonology:** Our team is one of the first in the state to perform minimally invasive therapeutic procedures with a specialized airway recannulization and tumor debulking device.
- Board-certified Interventional Pulmonologists use **minimally invasive techniques** to diagnose and treat the full range of lung diseases. These include both cancer and benign diseases, such as: Severe asthma, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Interstitial lung disease, Tracheal stenosis, Pleural disease.
- Most procedures are performed by bronchoscopy. Conducts studies using most advanced laser technologies.
- **Interventional Pulmonology Caseload:** Currently one IP on staff, seeing an average of 4-6 patients per day.
- Access to on-site Interventional Pulmonary Suite with anesthesia.
- **Opportunity for inpatient consult service** in general pulmonology and ICU rotations in one-week blocks with weekends.
- **Collaboration:** We work closely with cancer specialists, including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, and other providers at the UCI Health Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center to offer advance treatments to lung cancer patients.
- **Significant funding received**, primarily from the Veterans Affairs merit program, California's tobacco-related disease research program, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense.
- Provide **medical students and residents** with superb educational experiences, including interventional Web site training in bronchoscopy.

The UCI Medical Center is a 459-bed tertiary and quaternary care hospital with all residencies located on its state-of-the-art campus in urban Orange County. UCI is an inspiring place to work; a place where the achievements of our

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employees have made us an institution with international standing since 1965. Orange County is world renowned for its natural beauty, perfect year-round climate, economically vibrant communities, 42-miles of coastline offer gorgeous waterfront locations and unforgettable views of the Pacific Ocean, and incomparable recreational and cultural opportunities abound.

Position Summary:

The **Interventional Pulmonologist** will be expected to deliver patient care in an academic setting, teach medical students, residents, fellows, engage in an independent and extramurally – funded clinical research program, and provide service to the University. Additionally, the **Core Faculty member in Interventional Pulmonology** will continue to build the clinical activities of the program and bring a strong research component to the division. Candidates with current funding are preferred, but candidates who apply for funding once hired will be considered.

The **Interventional Pulmonologist** reports to the UCI Division Chief of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine.

Key Responsibilities:

Essential Duties:

- Providing and supervising direct patient care through minimally invasive diagnostic procedures to treat the full range of lung diseases.
- Teach residents, subspecialty fellows, and medical students.
- Perform public and University services.
- An active research program is desirable. Academic credentials including NIH or other federal grants and prior record of high impact publications are a plus.

Excellent teaching is an essential criterion for appointment. Priority will be given to candidates with a proven track record of academic productivity, as demonstrated through high-impact publications, thematic-based research, and/or grant funding.

The Candidate:

Professional Qualifications & Requirements:

UCI is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute through their research, teaching and/or service to the diversity and excellence of the academic community.

- M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree(s) or equivalent.
- Board certification or eligibility in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, and Critical Care.
- Satisfactory completion of an Internal Medicine residency and Pulmonary/Critical Care fellowship from an ACGME accredited program. Applicant must have completed an Interventional Pulmonary Fellowship by date of hire.
- Active and unrestricted California Medical License or eligibility for State of California Medical Licensure.
- Research and funding, including NIH and/or other federal awards and a prior record of high impact publications is a plus.
- Interest in clinical teaching.
- Rank and academic track will be commensurate with candidate training, qualifications, and experience.

UCI Health strongly encourages applications from all qualified applicants, including women and minorities. UCI offers excellent salary and benefits with an incentive plan. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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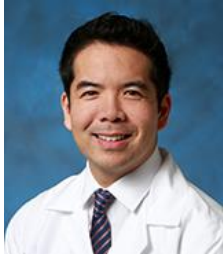
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Associate Professor and Interim Chief

Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine

Department of Medicine, UCI School of Medicine

Richard A. Lee, MD



Dr. Richard Lee is a board-certified UCI Health pulmonary and critical care specialist who serves as the interim chief of the Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine.

Dr. Lee earned his medical degree at Drexel University College of Medicine and subsequently completed a residency in internal medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and a fellowship in pulmonary critical care at NYU/Bellvue Hospital.

Specialties:

- Critical Care Medicine
- Pulmonary Disease

Clinical Interests:

- Asthma
- Critical care medicine
- Lung cancer
- Pulmonary medicine (lung/respiratory)
- Sepsis
- Severe asthma

Research Interests:

- Asthma
- Cancer
- Septic Shock

Meet Interim Division Chief, UCI Pulmonary & Critical Care, [Dr. Richard Lee](#)



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Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine

Department of Medicine

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The **Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine** at the [UCI School of Medicine](#) is committed to providing quality care for patients with a broad range of lung diseases and conditions through clinical training, research and educational programs.

Our faculty members are recognized experts in interventional pulmonary medicine and in the diagnosis and treatment of complex airway problems. In fact, five of our [nine faculty members](#) — including **one of the world leaders in this field of medicine** — have been specially trained in interventional pulmonary medicine. **Few pulmonary medicine training programs in the United States offer this level of expertise.**



Advanced care:

At [UCI Medical Center](#), we deliver state-of-the-art care to patients who have pulmonary disease or critical illness, including pleural diseases, malignant mesothelioma, asthma, chronic bronchitis and cough, emphysema, lung cancer, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. These specialists have extensive expertise in bedside critical care ultrasound screening and provide instruction in a range of didactic and simulation training programs for intensive care-based ultrasound testing.

Our pulmonary and critical care specialists also run the intensive care units at the [VA Long Beach Healthcare System](#) and our fellows rotate through the intensive care unit at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. These settings give our fellows, residents, and medical students valuable experience in treating a wide variety of patients and conditions.

Interventional Pulmonology Services:

Our board-certified [interventional pulmonologists](#) perform the following procedures:

- Flexible bronchoscopy
- Rigid bronchoscopy
- Endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) and radial probe endobronchial ultrasound (REBUS)
- Electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy (EMN)
- EMN or EBUS placement of fiducial markers for stereotactic radiation
- Bronchial thermoplasty (BT)
- Argon plasma coagulation (APC)
- Balloon dilation
- Cryosurgery and spray cryotherapy
- Airway stenting
- Transbronchial cryobiopsy
- Medical thoracoscopy
- Tunneled pleural catheter
- Endobronchial valves — The Spiration® endobronchial valve device has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for humanitarian use to control prolonged air leaks of the lung after lobectomy, segmentectomy, or lung volume reduction surgery. This FDA Humanitarian Device Exemption is the first for a bronchial valve procedure.

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Research Emphasis:

Division faculty members receive significant research funding, primarily from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' merit program, the Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Our faculty members have a number of clinical research projects relating to **interventional pulmonary medicine** as well as studies on the best methods for training physicians in interventional procedures.

The division also runs an active sleep lab program at the VA's center for research and clinical care. This gives our residents and fellows numerous opportunities to participate in advanced scientific research.

Research Opportunities:

In addition, division residents, fellows, and medical students participate in translational research studies conducted by our faculty members with the UCI Health [Beckman Laser Institute](#). This collaboration enables our pulmonary and critical care clinicians and researchers to conduct studies using the most advanced laser technologies to develop new techniques and therapies for a host of pulmonary and critical care disorders.

Above all, faculty members in the Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine at the UCI School of Medicine are dedicated to providing compassionate and leading-edge care to our patients.

Department of Medicine

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The [Department of Medicine](#) is a dynamic, multispecialty group of highly skilled faculty members who work at the forefront of medical discovery and education to deliver excellent and comprehensive patient care.

With more than 230 highly engaged physicians and researchers, as well as interns, residents and fellows, the Department of Medicine is the largest department in the university's highly regarded School of Medicine, which is ranked among the **Top 50 U.S. Medical Schools** by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Mission and Strategy:

- To deliver accessible, patient-centered healthcare of the highest caliber while training compassionate, visionary, and innovative clinicians and researchers.
- To develop, teach, and practice state-of-the-art, evidenced-based medicine that holds the promise of a better future for the people of California and beyond.
- To remain a world leader in academic medicine and to support cutting-edge innovation and discovery.

The department's home hospital is [UC Irvine Medical Center](#), Orange County's only university hospital and Level I trauma center. The medical center is also home to the UC Irvine Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, the **only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Orange County**, and one of only 51 in the nation to earn this designation for excellence. In addition, the medical center is consistently named as one of the nation's 50 best hospitals, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, and among 50 to make the "Leapfrog Top Hospitals" list for quality and safety.



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Groundbreaking research:

Research is an essential function of each of our divisions. With hundreds of active research protocols, **Department of Medicine investigators have attracted more than \$43 million in grants** to support clinical studies, translational and biomedical research, behavioral studies, and the training of future innovators. About 65 percent of those research dollars come from the National Institutes of Health and other governmental sources. This gives our residents and fellows considerable opportunities for research in broad-based basic science, clinical studies, and health policy. **UCI holds a NIH Clinical Translational Science Award.**



Dedicated to education:

The Department of Medicine provides a vibrant, challenging educational experience for undergraduate and graduate students, residents, and fellows. We sponsor fully accredited internal medicine residency training and a range of subspecialty programs. The department also offers continuing medical education for the region's practicing physicians.

At the forefront:

With its emphasis on thorough, compassionate healthcare, advanced technology, in-depth teaching and leading-edge research, UC Irvine's Department of Medicine is at the forefront of medical care. In fact, UCI Medical Center is the **first hospital on the West Coast to use portable MRI technology.**



The recently rebuilt UC Irvine Medical Center, located in the heart of Orange County, is home to the county's only Level I trauma center, its only nationally designated comprehensive cancer center, and a modern acute care hospital.

UCI Health:

UCI Health is the [clinical enterprise](#) of the University of California, Irvine. Patients can access UCI Health at primary and specialty care offices across Orange County and at its main campus, UCI Medical Center in Orange, CA. The UCI Medical Center is a 459-bed acute care hospital providing tertiary and quaternary care, ambulatory, and specialty medical clinics, as well as behavioral health and rehabilitation services. Serving as the primary teaching location for the UCI School of Medicine, UCI Medical Center is home to Orange County's only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, high-risk perinatal/neonatal program, and American College of Surgeons-verified Level I adult and Level II pediatric trauma center and regional burn center. With a catchment population of nearly 4 million, UCI Health sees more than 1 million outpatient visits each year.

Commitment to Diversity:

Here at UCI Department of Medicine, we highly value diversity. Diversity is core to our ability to offer compassionate and culturally competent care in a variety of practice settings, to patients from all walks of life, addressing simple to complex healthcare needs, while working with others who embrace a broad variety of backgrounds, experience, and perspectives. We remain committed to advancing diversity, in its broadest sense, in our programs through recruitment, training, retention and mentoring. This, we believe, is vital to our ability to continue to achieve excellence in serving our richly diverse community through our discover, teach, and heal mission.

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University of California, Irvine

In 1965, the University of California, Irvine (UCI) was founded with a mission to catalyze the community and enhance lives through rigorous academics, cutting-edge research and dedicated public service. Today, UCI draws on the unyielding spirit of our pioneering faculty, staff, and students who arrive on campus with a dream to inspire change and generate new ideas. We believe that true progress is made when different perspectives come together to advance our understanding of the world around us. And, we enlighten our communities and point the way to a better future. At UCI, we shine brighter.



UCI is consistently recognized as trailblazer in a broad range of fields, garnering national and international honors in every school. The campus's diverse academic offerings paired with world-class leadership create an environment worthy of any passionate, dedicated scholar. [Learn more.](#)

UCI Points of Pride:

- For the 21st consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized **UCI Medical Center as one of America's Best Hospitals.**
- More than 100 UCI Health doctors are named as **"Physicians of Excellence"** by the Orange County Medical Association.
- UCI is located in one of the **world's safest and most economically vibrant communities** and is Orange County's **second-largest employer**, contributing **\$5 billion** annually to the local economy.
- Classified as a Research I University; UCI is widely regarded as one of California's leading research institutions.
- UCI is **one of 65 universities** in the U.S. and Canada elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).
- UCI is considered to be one of the "Public Ivies," meaning that it is among those publicly funded universities thought to provide a quality of education comparable to that of the Ivy League.
- *Money* magazine ranked UCI the **No. 1 Best College** in the nation.
- UCI is ranked No. 8 on *Money's* list of **"Best Colleges for Transfer Students."**
- UCI is ranked **8th best public university** in the nation and 35th among all American universities – public and private, according to the annual *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges."
- *The New York Times* named UCI **No. 1 among U.S. universities "doing the most for the American dream"** in its College Access Index.
- *Forbes* recognizes UCI as a one of **America's Best Employers for Diversity, 2020**. UCI ranks 18th overall and 4th in education.
- UCI is rated as **"Best Regional College"** by The Princeton Review.
- UCI has more than 36,000 students and offers 222-degree programs.
- For more rankings and facts, [click here.](#)

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Location:

Irvine, California | Orange County

Destination beaches. Pristine hiking and bike trails. World-class entertainment. Elite education. Exciting career prospects. Unlimited possibilities.



[Irvine, California](#) is an economic powerhouse and offers an extraordinary quality of life. Located in the heart of beautiful Orange County, UCI is nestled between Los Angeles and San Diego counties and just five miles from SoCal's sunny shores. A cornerstone of Irvine, one of the safest cities in the U.S. and home to Southern California's burgeoning tech coast, UCI is the perfect place to study, work, live and play. UCI's close proximity to shopping, amusement parks, premier arts and cultural centers, and industry leaders make UCI a destination unlike any other. Discover how Irvine combines the best of a college town community with the vibrant opportunities of a bustling city.

Discover Orange County:

- Irvine was voted by CNNMoney.com as the fourth-**Best Place to Live in the United States**.
- *Businessweek* listed Irvine as the fifth-best city in the United States.
- Irvine was named the **Best-Run City in the U.S.** by *24/7 Wall Street*.
- The City of Irvine was named **10th Best City in America** by Niche.com.
- Irvine ranked #2 as **Best Places to Raise a Family** by the personal finance website WalletHub based on scores for family fun, health and safety, education and childcare, affordability, and socio-economic criteria.
- The City of Irvine has been ranked **No. 1 in Fiscal Strength** by Truth in Accounting.
- Irvine ranked No. 15 on Livability.com's list for the **Top 100 Best Places to Live** list.
- Irvine remains the **Safest City of 250,000 or more** in the nation for the 13th consecutive year, based upon FBI statistics for violent crime.
- Irvine is 10th on the list of **50 Safest College Towns in America** by SafeWise.
- Irvine was voted **Best City to Live** in for the third consecutive year by *Orange County Register* readers in the 25th annual *Best of Orange County* publication.
- WalletHub listed Irvine as the **second Happiest Place to Live** in the United States.
- Experience the rewards of living in the [Heart of Southern California](#).

Application Instructions:

For immediate and confidential consideration, please inquire with an updated copy of your CV and a letter of interest. **All inquiries should be sent to Mark:** mfoutz@kbic.com and/or academicmedicine@kbic.com

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University of California, Irvine has partnered with Kaye/Bassman to provide executive search services for UCI Health. UCI is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer advancing inclusive excellence and strongly encourages applications from all qualified applicants, including women and minorities. UCI is responsive to the needs of dual-career couples, is dedicated to work-life balance through an array of family-friendly policies and is the recipient of an NSF Advance Award for gender equity.