

Faculty Biography



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Dr. Ara Klijian is a thoracic and cardiac surgeon in San Diego, California. Dr. Klijian pioneered a new technique AVATS - Awake Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery allowing for complex lung procedures and resection to be performed without intubation under local anesthesia. This enables many previously unresectable patients to have a surgical option, as featured on numerous television news programs.

