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Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Orthopedics Urgent Care
Sports Medicine
4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
9400 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Perlman Medical Offices
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest
Hillcrest Emergency
UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

4th and Lewis Medical Offices
330 Lewis Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices North
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Medical Offices South
4168 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103

UC San Diego Medical Center
200 West Arbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

Rancho Bernardo
Includes Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care
16950 Via Tazon
San Diego, CA 92127

Encinitas
Includes Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

College Area
6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92120

Downtown
Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer

Subspeciality:
Psychosocial Oncology

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-9061

Bio:
Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and the director of Moores Cancer Center's Patient & Family Support Services, which treats people who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, insomnia or other psychiatric symptoms that are either a result of the cancer experience or are interfering with cancer treatment. She can provide psychiatric assessment, treatment and medication management.
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology) - General Otolaryngology (ENT)

Elina Kari, MD
Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Specialty:**
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

**Subspecialties:**
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

**Add'l Languages:**
Portuguese, Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

**Bio:**
Elina Kari, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon and neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. Dr. Kari's expertise includes treating ear and hearing problems in adults and children, and conditions such as ear infections, perforated eardrums (typanic membrane perforations), cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, lateral skull base lesions and acoustic neuroma. In addition, she evaluates patients for cochlear implants, osseointegrated hearing devices and auditory brainstem implants.
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Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
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Family Medicine

Family Medicine provides health care for all ages, genders and diseases — it is focused on knowledge of the patient in the context of family and community — stressing disease prevention and health promotion. Learn more about family medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Patricia Brady, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600

Bio:
Patricia Brady, MD, is a family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Belen S. Clark, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Bio:
Belen S. Clark, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care at Optimas Family Medicine, an independent practice in Vista, CA. She is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Georgiana Miller, DO
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Bio:
Georgiana Miller, DO, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases in the human body, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the disease can be spread from one person to another. Learn more about treatment for infectious diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Sanjay R. Mehta, MD
Transplant Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Add'l Languages:
Marathi, Portuguese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sanjay R. Mehta, MD, is one of the solid organ transplant infectious disease faculty at UC San Diego Health. He maintains an HIV-HCV co-infection clinic and is an assistant director of the Clinical Microbiology Lab at UC San Diego. He is also one of the faculty advisors for the UC Haiti Project.
Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about internal medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Maribeth Chong, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Contact:

Bio:
Maribeth Chong, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Well Being Medical Clinic. She is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease

Add'l Languages:
Italian, Tagalog

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Dinna Cruz, MD, MPH, is a board-certified nephrologist. Her expertise is treating patients with both acute and chronic kidney diseases caused by all types of underlying conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, polycystic kidney disease, glomerulonephritis, lupus, and sepsis. She specializes in treating people with acute kidney injury (also known as "kidney attack") and cardiorenal syndrome (individuals affected by both heart and kidney disease).
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Dinna N. Cruz, MD, MPH
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialties:
Critical Care Nephrology, Chronic Kidney Disease

Add'l Languages:
Italian, Tagalog

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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Occupational/Environmental Medicine

University of California San Diego Health System's Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM) provides the San Diego area with a full range of services for: prevention and compliance assistance, work injury treatment & management, blood borne pathogen exposure, travel medicine & vaccinations, dive medicine, and case coordination. Learn more about occupational/environmental medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH
Medical Director, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician. She has extensive clinical and leadership experience directing occupational medicine clinics and delivering clinical services to employers in virtually all industrial sectors, including biotech/life sciences/technology, public entity, and manufacturing.
Palliative Care

Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD

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Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer

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Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD
Pediatrician

**Specialties:**
Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Subspecialty:**
General Pediatrics

**Add'l Language:**
Tagalog

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 605-4452

**Bio:**
Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who treats infants, children and adolescents with a focus on their growth and overall well-being. She enjoys working in teams with specialists, to aid those with special needs/developmental delays and those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes. She is also well experienced in both the acute and preventive management of asthma.
Primary Care

Primary care is the basic level of medical care at which a patient is evaluated and treated by a nurse or physician, and if necessary, is then referred to a medical specialist. Learn more about primary care at UC San Diego Health System.

Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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Maribeth Chong, MD
Primary Care Physician

Affiliated Provider

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Primary Care, Internal Medicine

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Tagalog

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Primary Care (cont.)

Georgiana Miller, DO
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Contact:

Bio:
Georgiana Miller, DO, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the Rancho Family Medical Group. She is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Psychiatry

Psychiatry is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Learn more about psychiatry at UC San Diego Health System.

Isabel Ribeiro Caldas Domingues, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-7745

Bio:
Isabel Domingues, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating young adults with early psychosis. She also has clinical expertise in identifying young adults at high-risk of developing a psychotic disorder or in the "prodromal" (early) phase.

Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD

Specialties:
Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer
Subspecialty:
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