Physician Directory

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Physician Access: 855-543-0555
UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America’s Top Doctors and *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

Patient Access

Request an Appointment
Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

- **New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)**
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call 800-926-8273, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Current Patients**
  Contact your physician’s office directly to schedule an appointment or call the main switchboard number, 858-657-7000, and ask to be transferred to your physician’s office.

- **Find a Doctor**
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: doctors.ucsd.edu.

Referring Physician Access

Transfer a Patient
For hospital-to-hospital transfers, call 619-543-5709 (24-hour service) for instructions or to speak to a transfer coordinator.

Consultations
If you need to talk with one of our physicians about a case or if you have any problems or concerns, please contact us at 855-543-0555 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We want to hear from you.

Refer Your Patient
Call Physician Access at 855-543-0555 or fax 888-539-8781 and our team will register and schedule your referred patient. You will receive follow-up communication (consultation notes, discharges, etc.), as well as access to our electronic medical record system, UCSD Link.
## Locations

### La Jolla
- 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
- 9350 Campus Point Drive  
  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 92093

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

### Hillcrest
- **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

### Encinitas
- **1200 Garden View Road**  
  Encinitas, CA 92024

- **477 North El Camino Real**  
  Encinitas, CA 92024

### Vista
- **910 Sycamore Avenue**  
  Vista, CA 92081

### Scripps Ranch
- **9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.**  
  San Diego, CA 92131

### Kearny Mesa
- **7910 Frost Street**  
  San Diego, CA 92123

**Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego**
- **3020 Children’s Way**  
  San Diego, CA 92123

### Chula Vista
- **959 Lane Avenue**  
  Chula Vista, CA 91914

### Temecula
- **31720 Temecula Parkway**  
  Temecula, CA 92952

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- **4910 Directors Place**  
  San Diego, CA 92121
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Cardiology - Heart Failure

Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
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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.

Anna Van Niekerk, DO
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Afrikaans, Spanish

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:
Anna Van Niekerk, DO, is a board-certified family medicine doctor dedicated to practicing the full breadth of primary care and caring for patients of all ages, including children, adults, and seniors. She provides preventative care, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions. Dr. Van Niekerk also sees patients for dermatological concerns and women's health.
Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about [internal medicine](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

![Armelia Sani, MD, FACP](image)

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Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

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Primary Care, Internal Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Indonesian

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

**Bio:**
Armelia Sani, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Obstetrics & Gynecology - General Gynecology

Maureen C. Ries, MD
Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Specialty:
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Subspecialty:
General Gynecology

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Indonesian, Spanish, Swahili

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Encinitas - Garden View
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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8745

Bio:
Maureen Ries, MD, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who provides a wide spectrum of care for women, including prenatal and childbirth care. She provides well-woman care, including health care maintenance and contraception. In addition, she has interests in vulvar skin disorders and general gynecologic surgery.
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.

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Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health System.

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