Physician Directory

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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<br>San Diego, CA 92121
- 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive<br>La Jolla, CA 92037
- 8899 and 8929 University Center Lane<br>San Diego, CA 92122
- 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive<br>La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9333 Genesee Avenue<br>San Diego, CA 92121
- 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive<br>La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9350 Campus Point Drive<br>La Jolla, CA 92037

### Hillcrest
- **4th and Lewis Medical Offices**<br>330 Lewis Street<br>San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices North**<br>200 West Arbor Drive<br>San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices South**<br>4168 Front Street<br>San Diego, CA 92103
- **UC San Diego Medical Center**<br>200 West Arbor Drive<br>San Diego, CA 92103

### Encinitas
- 1200 Garden View Road<br>Encinitas, CA 92024
- 477 North El Camino Real<br>Encinitas, CA 92024

### Vista
- 910 Sycamore Avenue<br>Vista, CA 92081

### Scripps Ranch
- 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.<br>San Diego, CA 92131

### Hillcrest

### Kearny Mesa
- 7910 Frost Street<br>San Diego, CA 92123
- **Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego**<br>3020 Children’s Way<br>San Diego, CA 92123

### Chula Vista
- 959 Lane Avenue<br>Chula Vista, CA 91914

### Temecula
- 31720 Temecula Parkway<br>Temecula, CA 92952

### Sorrento Valley
- 4910 Directors Place<br>San Diego, CA 92121

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Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD

**Specialties:** Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Cancer  
**Subspecialty:** Psychosocial Oncology  
**Add'l Language:** Tagalog

Moores Cancer Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-5381

**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.

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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

**Belen S. Clark, MD**  
Primary Care Physician  
Affiliated Provider

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

**Contact:**

**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

**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.
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).
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Palliative Care

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Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspeciality:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Tagalog

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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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

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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.

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Venktesh R. Ramnath, MD
Pulmonologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Pulmonology (Lung)

**Subspecialty:**
Critical Care

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

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 355-5864

**Bio:**
Venktesh Ramnath, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who treats patients with lung disease primarily in intensive care unit and hospital settings. He serves as medical director of critical care telemedicine outreach, using digital technology to evaluate, diagnose and treat ICU patients who are located far from a UC San Diego Health facility.
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