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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.

Nicholas Canelo, MD
Primary Care Physician
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

La Jolla - Ivanhoe Avenue

Contact:
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Bio:
Nicholas Canelo, MD, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through Perlman Clinic, an independent practice with clinic offices throughout San Diego. He is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Sarah Pierce, MSN, FNP
Family Nurse Practitioner
Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

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Bio:
Sarah Pierce, MSN, FNP, is a certified family nurse practitioner providing primary care through Perlman Clinic, an independent practice with clinic offices throughout San Diego. She is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
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.

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Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Affiliated Provider
Specialty:
Primary Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish
La Jolla - Ivanhoe Avenue
Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 554-1212
Bio:
Brenna Memole, AGNP, is a certified adult-gerontology nurse practitioner providing primary care through Perlman Clinic, an independent practice with clinic offices throughout San Diego. She is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

Kelly Snowden, PA
Physician Assistant
Affiliated Provider
Specialty:
Primary Care
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Bio:
Kelly Snowden, PA, is a certified physician assistant providing primary care through Perlman Clinic, an independent practice with clinic offices throughout San Diego. She is a member of the UC San Diego Health Physician Network.
Psychiatry - Geriatric Psychiatry

Kalya Vardi, MD
Psychiatrist
Medical Director, Senior Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Hillcrest - 410 Dickinson Street
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Kalya Vardi, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health problems in older adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and the psychiatric or behavioral complications of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease.
Psychology

Tanya T. Nguyen, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - 410 Dickinson Street

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Senior Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program:: (619) 471-3877
Direct Clinic Line - Senior Behavioral Health (Inpatient): (619) 543-3772

Bio:
Tanya T. Nguyen, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats older adults with neurological and psychiatric disorders. Her expertise is in conducting neuropsychological evaluations to help determine causes of neurological or cognitive problems, identify an individual's cognitive strengths and weaknesses, and inform treatment decisions.
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