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Breanna (Bree) Lustre, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Downtown - West F Street

Contact:
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Bio:
Breanna Lustre, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in breastfeeding support, childhood nutrition and preventive care.
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.

Akeela Benson, MSN, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**
Primary Care

**Downtown - West F Street**
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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
Akeela Benson, MSN, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages.

Desiree Leithem, MS, CNS, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**
Primary Care

**Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd**
**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
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**Bio:**
Desiree Leithem, MS, is a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages. Her focus is preventive care for individuals in health and wellness. She has over two decades of experience in emergency medicine and serves as the nurse practitioner manager for the Emergency Departments at UC San Diego Health.
Primary Care (cont.)

Breanna (Bree) Lustre, MD  
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care  
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

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Bio:
Breanna Lustre, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in breastfeeding support, childhood nutrition and preventive care.

Janette E. Matthess, MS, FNP-C  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Primary Care

Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd  
Downtown - West F Street

Contact:
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Downtown: (833) 823-9777  
Direct Clinic Line - Express Care: (760) 452-7967

Bio:
Janette Matthess, MS, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages. She offers treatment for a wide range of conditions and also works with individuals over the long term to maintain their health and wellness, with a focus on preventative care.
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