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

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**Ian Diaz, MD**  
Primary Care Physician

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Family Medicine

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd**

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**Bio:**  
Ian Diaz, MD, 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, adolescents, adults and seniors. His practice emphasizes preventive care, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. He has a particular interest in continuity care and urgent care services.

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**Katherine Uvelli, MD**  
Primary Care Physician

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Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Robert Coles, MD
Pediatrician
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
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Robert Coles is a board-certified pediatrician with a special interest in newborn care and pediatric dermatology. He believes that prevention is the key to keeping children healthy, and feels this is best achieved by establishing and maintaining a trusting relationship with parents. He strives to practice evidence-based medicine and care for patients with the latest treatment guidelines and recommendations.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
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Bio:
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. Dr. Shleifer provides newborn, infant and childhood well-checks, sports physicals, sick visits, and manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma and eczema.
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.

Robert Coles, MD  
Pediatrician

**Specialties:**
Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Subspecialty:**
General Pediatrics

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Dudley (Doug) Elmore, MSN, FNP-BC  
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**
Primary Care

**La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**
**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**
**Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd**

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Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800

**Bio:**
Doug Elmore, MSN, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC) who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages. He 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 preventive care.
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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Downtown - West F Street
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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7967

**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.

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

**Specialty:**
Primary Care

**Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd**
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**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.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

**Specialties:**
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Primary Care (cont.)

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