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Marriage and Family Therapy

Marriage and Family Therapy is a branch of psychotherapy that helps individuals, couples and families to nurture change and development. It provides diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders, with a holistic perspective to care.

Kathleen Huff, MS, LMFT
Marriage and Family Therapist

Specialty:
Marriage and Family Therapy

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Kathleen Huff, MS, is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) whose expertise is in treating children, adolescents and families dealing with a variety of mental health disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), intellectual disabilities, autism and bipolar disorder.
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.

Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA
Psychiatrist
Specialty: Psychiatry
Add'l Language: Telugu
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792
Bio:
Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats general mental health issues in adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, insomnia and bipolar disorders. She provides medication management and psychotherapy to help treat these mental health conditions.

Anne Bird, MBChB
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
Specialty: Psychiatry
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792
Bio:
Anne Bird, MBChB, is a board-certified adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist who specializes in treating children, teens and young adults with mood disorders, anxiety disorders or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). She uses both medications and talk therapy (psychotherapy) in her practice.

Ashley L. Clark, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
Specialty: Psychiatry
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
Ashley Clark, MD, is board-certified psychiatrist whose practice focuses on women’s reproductive mental health issues, such as premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), and mood and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum period. She is part of the Women's Reproductive Mental Health Program at UC San Diego Health.

Douglas D'Agati, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Specialty: Psychiatry
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792
Bio:
Douglas D'Agati, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating adults and young adults with mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders, psychosis, and schizophrenia.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Nancy Downs, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Nancy Downs, MD is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health needs of college students and transition age youth.

Jonathon R. Howlett, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Jonathon Howlett, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals with treatment-resistant depression. His practice also includes treating more general mental health conditions such as depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

David Folsom, MD
Director, Division of Clinical Psychiatry
Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Department of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
David Folsom, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and director of the Division of Clinical Psychiatry at UC San Diego Health. He has a special interest in providing care for people with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses, and those with both mental and physical health problems. He uses a comprehensive, whole-person approach to psychiatric care, addressing all areas that contribute to a person’s successful recovery as well as promoting life skills, providing education, and cultivating help-seeking behavior.

Ildiko Kovacs, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

Add’l Language:
Hungarian

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Ildiko Kovacs, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals and couples experiencing issues related to sexual function, sexuality and gender.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Carla Marienfeld, MD
Psychiatrist
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-1680

Bio:
Carla Marienfeld, MD, is a board-certified addiction psychiatrist who specializes in treating individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions, such as anxiety and depression. She supports recovery in a harm-reduction approach that uses therapy, motivational interviewing, and medication-assisted treatment.

Alison Reminick, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Alison Reminick, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health care needs for women with premenstrual syndrome (PMS), premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), pregnancy and postpartum mood disorders, and emotional disturbances during menopause. She directs the Women’s Reproductive Mental Health Program at UC San Diego Health, which helps women manage and recover from anxiety, depression, or other emotional concerns during infertility, pregnancy, or the postpartum period.

Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who delivers compassionate, expert care to people with bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders. He also cares for individuals with treatment-resistant depression using transcranial magnetic stimulation.

Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who provides expert, compassionate mental health care services to UC San Diego undergraduate and graduate students.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Jennifer Roby, DO
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Jennifer Roby, DO, is a psychiatrist who provides general mental health care services for adults. She provides care to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students through UC San Diego Health’s College Mental Health Program. She also helps women with postpartum depression, postpartum anxiety and other reproductive-related mental health concerns that affect women and their families.

Sanjaya Saxena, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Sanjaya Saxena, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist focusing on the treatment of people with obsessive-compulsive disorders (OCD) and related conditions such as compulsive hoarding and body dysmorphic disorder.

Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH
Psychiatrist
Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats individuals with anxiety, and trauma and stressor-related disorders, including panic disorder, agoraphobia, social anxiety disorder (social phobia), generalized anxiety disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with or without depression.

Jon (David) Stiffler, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
David Stiffler, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats people with substance use disorders, trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), mood disorders, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
Psychiatry (cont.)

Hannah C. Sweet, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Hannah Sweet, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating children and adolescents with all types of mental illness and psychiatric conditions. Her practice is part of UC San Diego Health's comprehensive and compassionate mental health services for teens.

Psychiatry - Geriatric Psychiatry

Steven F. Huege, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Steven Huege, MD, is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health and neurodegenerative disorders in older adults, including both chronic and new-onset mental illness. His areas of clinical expertise include Alzheimer's disease, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and mood and psychotic disorders in older adults.

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

Natacha Akshoomoff, PhD
Neuropsychologist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-1213

Bio:
Natacha Akshoomoff, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in pediatric neuropsychology. She has extensive expertise and experience in the diagnosis and assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders, such as autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and learning disorders (reading, math, writing). She conducts assessments with children, teens, and college students. She also works with children who are at risk of having learning and behavioral challenges, including children born preterm and children with medical and neurological conditions.

Tracy Alderman, PhD
Psychologist

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Tracy Alderman, PhD is a licensed clinical psychologist. She has decades of experience in the treatment of self-injury, trauma, substance abuse, anxiety, ADHD, depression, and crisis management.

Katherine J. Bangen, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Katherine Bangen, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats older adults with neurological and psychiatric disorders. Her expertise is in conducting clinical neuropsychological evaluations that can help identify root causes of neurological or cognitive problems. Dr. Bangen is part of the Memory, Aging and Resilience Clinic (MARC), a multi-disciplinary team providing comprehensive cognitive, emotional and physical health evaluations of older adults.

Christopher R. Booth, PsyD
Psychologist

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Christopher Booth, PsyD, is a licensed psychologist who sees people with obsessive compulsive disorders (OCD) and OCD-related disorders, including hoarding disorder, body dysmorphic disorder, hair pulling, skin picking and tic disorders. He is also part of UC San Diego Health’s comprehensive and compassionate mental health services for children and teenagers.
Psychology (cont.)

Lisa Delano-Wood, PhD
Psychologist
Associate Professor

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Lisa Delano-Wood, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who directs UC San Diego Health’s Memory, Aging and Resilience Clinic (MARC). The clinic provides comprehensive cognitive, emotional and physical health evaluation of older adults. She conducts clinical neuropsychological evaluations of individuals with a wide range of neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Maya S. D’Eon, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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Bio:
Maya D’Eon, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who helps individuals with mood disorders (such as depression and anxiety), chronic pain and chronic medical conditions that can impact mental health.

Emily C. Edmonds, PhD
Neuropsychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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Bio:
Emily C. Edmonds, PhD, is a licensed clinical neuropsychologist who specializes in assessing older adults with neurological and psychiatric disorders, particularly Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Jamie M. Gannon, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Jamie Gannon PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats college students and adults with a variety of mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and substance use disorders (addiction).
Psychology (cont.)

Meghan Hammel, PhD
Psychologist

Specialty: Psychology
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Meghan Hammel, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who provides therapy to women struggling with perinatal depression and anxiety disorders before and after childbirth.

Katia M. Harlé, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty: Psychology
Add'l Language: French
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7792

Bio:
Katia Harlé, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats adults with substance use disorders, depression and anxiety. She specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and neuropsychological assessments to evaluate a broad range of cognitive and behavioral issues resulting from brain dysfunction.

Jessica A. Hughes, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty: Psychology
Add'l Language: Spanish
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Jessica Hughes, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in couples, individual and group therapy. Her practice emphasizes evidence-based treatments, including integrative behavioral couples therapy (IBCT) and emotion focused therapy (EFT). She also conducts psychological assessments.

Patricia A. Judd, PhD
Director, Addiction Treatment and Recovery Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty: Psychology
La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Patricia A. Judd, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in evaluating and assessing mental health conditions. She focuses on individual and couples therapy for those struggling with substance use and other mental health disorders. She also works with individuals and couples with personality disorders.
Psychology (cont.)

Eve Lasswell, PsyD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychology

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Eve Lasswell, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats adults with substance use and co-occurring disorders. Dr. Lasswell is part of UC San Diego Health’s Addiction Recovery and Treatment Services, which uses a harm-reduction approach to provide care for all stages of recovery from substance use disorders. She treats patients with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders in the Intensive Outpatient Program. Throughout the treatment process, she helps adults recover from addiction by encouraging behaviors that build wellness and emotional resilience.

Yuliana Noniyeva, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychology

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

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**
**Jacobs Medical Center**

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**Bio:**
Yuliana Noniyeva, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who treats a range of mental health disorders, including anxiety, depression and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). She is part of the college mental health program, which addresses the unique mental health and psychiatric issues of college students in our San Diego community.

Jessie S. Park, PsyD
Psychologist

**Specialty:**
Psychology

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**
**Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive**
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

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

**Bio:**
Jessie Park, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in treating adults with co-occurring medical and psychiatric conditions, such as chronic pain and obesity. Dr. Park is the lead psychologist at UC San Diego Health’s Center for Pain Medicine, its Bariatric and Metabolic Institute and its psychiatry intensive outpatient program for chronic pain. She also conducts psychoeducational evaluations for students and fitness for duty evaluations for physicians at UC San Diego, and has experience with cancer-related pain.
Psychology (cont.)

Wendy G. Tayer, PhD
Psychologist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychology

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

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

Bio:
Wendy Tayer, PhD, is a licensed psychologist who helps people cope more effectively with mental health problems, including life stressors and adaptational challenges. As a trained health psychologist, Dr. Tayer’s expertise involves helping people make behavioral choices that promote better health and prevent illness. She specializes in treating chronic illness and pain, anxiety and depression.
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