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Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology is the medical specialty that involves the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care for patients in the administration of medications to control pain and support life functions during surgery. Learn more about anesthesiology services at UC San Diego Health.

**Robin Seaberg, MD**
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
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Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**
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**Preetham J. Suresh, MD**
Associate Clinical Professor
Associate Education Director

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Shiley Eye Institute

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Suresh completed his residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. He then worked as a private practice anesthesiologist at Alta Bates Summit Hospital where he was a partner in the East Bay Anesthesia Medical Group. While there, he specialized in acute pain management, regional anesthesia for orthopedic surgery and high risk obstetric anesthesia.
Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology is the medical specialization concerned with the study, diagnosis and treatment of the eyes. Learn more about ophthalmology at UC San Diego Health.

Paulyne Raymundo, MS, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Additional Language:
Tagalog

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Paulyne Raymundo, MS, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who helps provide treatment to patients with eye conditions.
Ophthalmology - Cataract Surgery

Robert N. Weinreb, MD
Ophthalmologist
Director, Shiley Eye Institute
Chair, Department of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialties:
Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Robert N. Weinreb is a board-certified ophthalmologist and world renowned expert on glaucoma. Dr. Weinreb’s expertise includes glaucoma surgery, cataract surgery, and glaucoma management.
Ophthalmology - Cornea

Natalie A. Afshari, MD, FACS
Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief, Division of Cornea and Refractive Surgery

Specialty: Ophthalmology
Subspecialty: Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Natalie Afshari, MD is accomplished as a clinician, surgeon, and a research scientist. Dr. Afshari’s achievement in cornea and refractive surgery and overall patient care has been recognized by her peers in several of the “best doctors” lists, including “The Best Doctors in America” in each listing for the past decade. Furthermore, Dr. Afshari was awarded the academic Achievement Award and the Secretariat Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has consulted Dr. Afshari’s expertise for matters of safety and efficacy of various ophthalmologic treatments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has honored Dr. Afshari by awarding her and her collaborators extensive grant support to study Fuchs endothelial corneal dystrophy, a genetic disorder leading to corneal transplantation.

Stuart Brown, MD
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty: Ophthalmology
Subspecialty: Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Dr. Brown is world renown for his contributions to basic and clinical research of the cornea, and has many “firsts.” He was the first to initiate studies into the surface characteristics of the component of the pre-corneal tear film, was the first to implicate that collagenase was responsible for corneal ulcers after alkali burn, and was the first to develop a collagen research laboratory for the eye and to initiate biochemical and cell biological studies on the structural macromolecules of the cornea. Dr. Brown was also the first to show that severely alkali-burned cornea can be successfully transplanted, resulting in many patients across the world to see whereas this was once considered a hopeless condition. Over thirty years ago, he developed corneal transplantation in babies born blind from corneal opacities. Since few surgeons in the world feel comfortable with this complicated procedure, infants and children from all over the world come to Shiley Eye Institute for their care.
Ophthalmology - Cornea (cont.)

Weldon Haw, MD
Cataract, Cornea and External Diseases, & Refractive Surgery
Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief of Ophthalmology - San Diego VAHS

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 552-8585

Bio:
Dr. Haw is a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego School of Medicine & Shiley Eye Institute and Chief of Ophthalmology at the San Diego VAHS. He specializes in advanced cataract surgery techniques, cornea transplantation, and laser/refractive surgery.

Chris W Heichel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Chris W. Heichel, MD serves as Associate Clinical Professor of Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery in the Department of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego, Shiley Eye Institute. He is considered a skilled surgeon, astute clinician and a dedicated educator. Dr. Heichel graduated UC San Diego undergraduate with Honors including the Howard Hughes Research Fellowship Award. He completed medical school in Chicago with Honors as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society. He returned to the University of California, San Diego to complete his residency, where he served as Chief Resident, as well as a Fellowship in Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery. He joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 where he is currently a board certified ophthalmologist specializing in Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery.
Ophthalmology - Cornea (cont.)

Thao Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Cornea

**Add'l Language:**
Vietnamese

**Shiley Eye Institute**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Dr. Nguyen shares that, though a number of years into her practice, she still finds surgery on the eye interesting as it requires her full attention to detail and precision. "On a weekly basis I witness how eye surgeries provide dramatic results, and, in a relatively short time, make vast differences in my patients' quality of life."
Don Kikkawa, MD
Chief, Division of Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Professor of Ophthalmology
Vice-Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Dr. Kikkawa serves as division chief of ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery. This specialty combines traditional studies and patient care as an ophthalmologist with a fellowship in reconstruction and plastic surgery around the eyes. The extensive training uniquely qualifies these specialists to perform delicate surgery on the eyelids, around the eyes, the drainage system, and on the bones around the eye. Dr. Kikkawa finds the field very gratifying; reversing the effects of aging, restoring a normal appearance to disfigured trauma or diseased patients, and eliminating vision-threatening tumors.

Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, FACS
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Spanish, Thai

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7402

Bio:
Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist. His clinical expertise and interests include oculoplastic surgery, including cosmetic and reconstructive surgery of the eyelid and face; management of thyroid eye disease; eyelid and orbital tumors and cancers; disorders of the lacrimal outflow system; congenital birth defects, endoscopic forehead lifting; bulging or proptosis of eyes; reconstruction of eyelids post cancer removal and after trauma or injury, and skin rejuvenation.
Ophthalmology - General Ophthalmology

Jeffrey Ewing Lee, MD
Ophthalmologist
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
General Ophthalmology

Add'l Language:
Cantonese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Ophthalmology - Glaucoma

Andrew S. Camp, MD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Glaucoma

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Andrew S. Camp, MD, is an ophthalmologist who specializes in the medical and surgical management of all types of glaucoma in adults and children. His patients typically have cataracts, open angle glaucoma, closed angle glaucoma, secondary glaucoma, or pediatric/childhood glaucoma.

Robert N. Weinreb, MD
Ophthalmologist
Director, Shiley Eye Institute
Chair, Department of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialties:
Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Robert N. Weinreb is a board-certified ophthalmologist and world renowned expert on glaucoma. Dr. Weinreb’s expertise includes glaucoma surgery, cataract surgery, and glaucoma management.
Ophthalmology - Glaucoma (cont.)

Derek S. Welsbie, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Glaucoma

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Derek S. Welsbie, MD, PhD is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in treating adolescents and adults with all stages of glaucoma. His clinical focus ranges from monitoring patients suspected of having glaucoma to operating on patients with advanced disease.

Ophthalmology - Neuro-Ophthalmology

Peter Savino, MD
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology & Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Neuro-Ophthalmology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Peter J. Savino, MD is available for consultation on all potential Neuro-Ophthalmic disorders.
Ophthalmology - Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

David Bruce Granet, MD, MHCM, FACS, FAAP, FAAO
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-2020

**Bio:**
David Granet, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in pediatric ophthalmology and adult re-alignment (strabismus). He is the adult ocular motility specialist for Shiley Eye Institute, and his clinical interests include state-of-the-art adjustable suture strabismus surgery, childhood eye misalignments and disorders, nystagmus, and the role of vision in learning disorders.

Shira Robbins, MD, FAAO, FAAP
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-2020

**Bio:**
Shira Robbins, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in the care of children's eyes and treating adult strabismus.

Jolene Rudell, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Jolene Rudell, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus, a visual problem in which the eyes are not properly aligned. She also treats patients with refractive error, lazy eye (amblyopia), cataracts in children, nasolacrimal duct disorders, congenital eye syndromes and systemic diseases that affect the eyes.
Ophthalmology - Retina

Daniel L. Chao, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Retina

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Daniel Chao, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a vitreoretinal surgeon. He specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of retinal diseases, including diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachment, epiretinal membrane, macular hole, and retinal vein occlusion.

Henry A. Ferreyra, MD
Ophthalmologist
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Retina

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Henry Ferreyra, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist whose expertise is in treating all types of diseases and conditions of the retina, including retinal dystrophies, paraneoplastic / autoimmune retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), a potentially blinding disease that primarily affects premature infants. He also uses ocular electrophysiology to obtain information about eye health that goes beyond standard eye testing.

William R Freeman, MD
Vice-Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology
Director, Jacobs Retina Center

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Retina

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Dr. Freeman is an internationally acclaimed scientific researcher and Director of the Jacobs Retina Research Center, adjoining the UC San Diego Shiley Eye Institute. His work as director of the UC San Diego Jacobs clinical research center enables patients to benefit from the latest advances in diagnostic equipment and therapies. Researchers working in the Center’s laboratories will focus on advancing promising therapies for macular degeneration, tumors, inherited retinal disease, retinal detachment, macular holes, and other important retinal diseases.
Ophthalmology - Retina (cont.)

Michael Goldbaum, MD  
Ophthalmologist  
Professor of Ophthalmology  
Co-Director of Retina Division

**Specialty:**  
Ophthalmology  
**Subspecialty:**  
Retina  
**Add'l Language:**  
Italian

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**  
In 1996, Dr. Goldbaum published a report on the first known case of a newborn with E-Coli Endophthalmitis, resulting in inflammation of the internal structures of the tissues in the eyeball. Dr. Goldbaum’s breakthrough in treatment for macular hole was featured in 1998 issues of Ocular Surgery News and the journal, Ophthalmology. The technique using silicone oil has the potential of greatly altering the treatment of macular holes worldwide.

Eric D. Nudleman, MD, PhD  
Ophthalmologist  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**  
Ophthalmology  
**Subspecialty:**  
Retina

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**  
Eric D. Nudleman, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in adult and pediatric vitreoretinal diseases. As a retinal specialist, Dr. Nudleman’s expertise includes surgical treatment for diseases affecting the vitreous and retina. These diseases include macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, retinal vein occlusion, retinal detachment, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, macular holes and epiretinal membrane. Dr. Nudleman also has a special interest in pediatric vitreoretinopathies, including advanced retinopathy of prematurity, familial exudative vitreoretinopathy, Coats’ disease, persistent fetal vascular syndrome and intraocular trauma.
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