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Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Robert Coles, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4453
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
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.

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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

Contact:
- Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line - Express Care: (760) 452-7967
- 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.
Primary Care (cont.)

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

Specialty:
Primary Care

Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Jacobs Medical Center
Downtown - West F Street
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line - Urgent Care, La Jolla: (858) 249-6800
Emergency Department - La Jolla: (858) 657-7600
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
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.

Amanda Nasser, MS, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Primary Care

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Bio:
Amanda Nasser, MS, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC) 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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Valerie L. Waters, MS, FNP-C
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Primary Care

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Jacobs Medical Center

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Bio:
Valerie Waters, MS, is a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-C) who provides comprehensive care for people across 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.