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- **La Jolla Emergency**
  - Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
  - 9434 Medical Center Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

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  - 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

**Orthopedics Urgent Care**
**Sports Medicine**
- 4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
  - San Diego, CA 92121

- 4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
  - San Diego, CA 92121

- 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- 8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
  - San Diego, CA 92122

- 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- 9333 Genesee Avenue
  - San Diego, CA 92121

- 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- 9350 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- Shiley Eye Institute
  - 9415 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92093

- Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
  - 9434 Medical Center Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92093

- Moores Cancer Center
  - 3855 Health Sciences Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- Jacobs Medical Center
  - 9300 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
  - 9400 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- Perlman Medical Offices
  - 9350 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037

- **Hillcrest**
  - **Hillcrest Emergency**
    - UC San Diego Medical Center
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - 4th and Lewis Medical Offices
    - 330 Lewis Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - Medical Offices North
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - Medical Offices South
    - 4168 Front Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - UC San Diego Medical Center
    - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

  - **Rancho Bernardo**
    - Includes **Rancho Bernardo Urgent Care**
    - 16950 Via Tazon
    - San Diego, CA 92127

**Encinitas**
- Includes **Encinitas Express Care (Suite 110)**
  - 1200 Garden View Road
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

  - 477 North El Camino Real
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

**College Area**
- 6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
  - San Diego, CA 92120

**Downtown**
- Downtown Express Care
  - 203 West F Street
  - San Diego, CA 92101

**Vista**
- 910 Sycamore Avenue
  - Vista, CA 92081

**Sorrento Valley**
- 4910 Directors Place
  - San Diego, CA 92121

**Scripps Ranch**
- 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
  - San Diego, CA 92131

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- 7910 Frost Street
  - San Diego, CA 92123

**Chula Vista**
- 959 Lane Avenue
  - Chula Vista, CA 91914

**Temecula**
- 31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
  - Temecula, CA 92592
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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 System.

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

**Specialty:**
Anesthesiology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
Shiley Eye Institute
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.
Cancer

Cancer is an abnormal growth of cells which creates tumors, abnormal growths of tissue, and clusters of cells that are capable of growing and dividing uncontrollably — oncology is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Learn more about cancer at UC San Diego Health.

Daniel Vicario, MD
Medical Director, San Diego Cancer Center
Director, Integrative Oncology Program

Specialty:
Cancer

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Dr. Vicario is a medical oncologist who co-founded the San Diego Cancer Center (SDCC). He is a pioneer in the research of mind-body medicine (the influence of the human spirit on the healing process) and in the field of integrative medicine. He created the Integrative Medicine Program at SDCC in 1988, and has been director of the program for over a decade.
Cancer - Breast Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.

Rupa Subramanian, MD

Specialty:
Cancer

Subspecialty:
Breast Cancer

Add'l Language:
Hindi

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

Bio:
Rupa Subramanian, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and director of breast cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. She believes in compassionate and personalized patient care and using new advanced therapies to create the optimal healing environment for the mind and body.
Cancer - Gastrointestinal Cancers

**Anjali Bharne, MD**  
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

**Specialties:**  
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**  
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**  
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

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**Derek Helton, MD, FACP**  
Medical Oncologist  
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

**Specialties:**  
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

**Subspecialties:**  
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**  
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 536-7700

**Bio:**  
Derek Helton, MD, is a board-certified medical oncologist and medical director of cancer services at our Encinitas and Vista locations. He specializes in the treatment of a broad range of solid tumor malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. He has a special interest in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, including colorectal, esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas, gallbladder, bile duct and anal cancers.
Cancer - Gynecological Cancers

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Additional Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Bio:
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Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Cancer - Head & Neck Cancers (cont.)

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

**Specialties:**
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

**Add'l Languages:**
French, Urdu

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

**Bio:**
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Leukemia & Lymphoma

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer
Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
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Bio:
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Cancer - Lung Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Cancer - Lung Cancer (cont.)

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

Add'l Languages:
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7700
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

Bio:
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.
Cancer - Pancreatic Cancer

Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Cancer - Urologic Cancer

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

**Specialties:**
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
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**Bio:**
Anjali Bharne, MD, is a board-certified hematologist and medical oncologist. She treats a wide range of cancers, including lung, breast, head and neck, gastrointestinal, urologic and hematologic malignancies, as well as benign hematologic disorders.
Hematology/Blood Diseases

Hematology (the study of “blood diseases”) is the branch of internal medicine that is concerned with the study of blood, blood-forming organs, and blood diseases. Learn more about hematology/blood diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Anjali Bharne, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Derek Helton, MD, FACP
Medical Oncologist
Medical Director of North County Cancer Services

Specialties:
Cancer, Hematology/Blood Diseases

Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Gynecological Cancers, Head & Neck Cancers, Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Leukemia & Lymphoma

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Hematology/Blood Diseases (cont.)

Fareeha Siddiqui, MD
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

**Specialties:**
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer

**Subspecialties:**
Head & Neck Cancers, Leukemia & Lymphoma, Lung Cancer

**Add'l Languages:**
French, Urdu

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 536-7737

**Bio:**
Fareeha Siddiqui, MD, is a board-certified oncologist and hematologist, specializing in the treatment of wide variety of cancers, including lung, ovarian, prostate and brain cancer, as well as lymphoma and leukemia.

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about [internal medicine](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

Karen Cadman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

**Bio:**
Karen Cadman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Charles Hergesheimer, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

**Bio:**
Charles Hergesheimer, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.
Internal Medicine (cont.)

Mary Jaramillo, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Mary Jaramillo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Neil Levine, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Neil Levine, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including nutrition, preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Christine Nguyen, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Christine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults and seniors, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Ryan W. Stewart, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Ryan Stewart, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Chronic Kidney Disease

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

**Specialties:**
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

**Subspecialties:**
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
**Moores Cancer Center**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Vista - Sycamore Avenue**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Critical Care Nephrology

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

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Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
Nephrology (Kidney) - Dialysis

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
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
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief of Ophthalmology - San Diego VAHS

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
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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."
**Ophthalmology - Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery**

**Don Kikkawa, MD**  
Chief, Division of Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery  
Professor of Clinical 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  
**Subspeciality:** 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

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Ophthalmology - Glaucoma

Andrew S. Camp, MD  
Ophthalmologist  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:** Ophthalmology  
**Subspeciality:** 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.

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

**Specialty:** Ophthalmology  
**Subspeciality:** Glaucoma  
**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, 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

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.
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

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.
Michael Goldbaum, MD
Professor in Residence Co-Director, Retina Division
Professor at UCSD School of Medicine

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.
Palliative Care

Tamara Rubenzik, MD
Nephrologist and Palliative Care Specialist

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Palliative Care

Subspecialties:
Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Moores Cancer Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Palliative Care: (858) 534-9061
Direct Clinic Line - Vista: (760) 598-1776
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Tamara Rubenzik, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist and palliative care physician. She works in both the Departments of Nephrology and Palliative Care at UC San Diego Health.
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 System.

Karen Cadman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Karen Cadman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Mary Jaramillo, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Mary Jaramillo, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Charles Hergesheimer, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Charles Hergesheimer, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

Neil Levine, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Neil Levine, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including nutrition, preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Primary Care (cont.)

Christine Nguyen, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Add'l Language:
Vietnamese

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Christine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for adults and seniors, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Ryan W. Stewart, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine

Vista - Sycamore Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 598-1776

Bio:
Ryan Stewart, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
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