UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America’s Top Doctors and *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

Patient Access

**Request an Appointment**

Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

- **New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)**
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call **800-926-8273**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Current Patients**
  Contact your physician’s office directly to schedule an appointment or call the main switchboard number, **858-657-7000**, and ask to be transferred to your physician’s office.

- **Find a Doctor**
  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: [doctors.ucsd.edu](http://doctors.ucsd.edu).

Referring Physician Access

**Transfer a Patient**

For hospital-to-hospital transfers, call **619-543-5709** (24-hour service) for instructions or to speak to a transfer coordinator.

**Consultations**

If you need to talk with one of our physicians about a case or if you have any problems or concerns, please contact us at **855-543-0555** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We want to hear from you.

**Refer Your Patient**

Call Physician Access at **855-543-0555** or fax **888-539-8781** and our team will register and schedule your referred patient. You will receive follow-up communication (consultation notes, discharges, etc.), as well as access to our electronic medical record system, UCSD Link.
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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.

Julie Çelebi, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Subspecialty:
Integrative & Holistic Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Julie Çelebi, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to practicing the full breadth of primary care and caring for patients of all ages, including children and adults. She is skilled in chronic disease management while also focused on preventive medicine and helping patients strive for their best health.

Terri L Cheng, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Terri Cheng, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to practicing the full spectrum of primary care and caring for patients of all ages, including children and adults. She has a special interest in women's health care, including well-women care, contraception and family planning, and outpatient gynecological procedures such as endometrial biopsies and colposcopy. She believes in treating the person as a whole and the importance of good patient-provider communication.
Primary Care (cont.)

Melanie R. Fiorella, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine
Subspeciality:
Integrative & Holistic Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Melanie Fiorella, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She has a special interest in women's health, mood disorders, back pain, gastrointestinal disorders and sleep problems.

Lawrence Friedman, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs
Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics

Specialty:
Primary Care

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Lawrence Friedman, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for young adults with HIV.

Deanna Hill, MD
Primary Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

Bio:
Deanna Hill, 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.

Amy Huang, MD, MPH
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Mandarin, Taiwanese

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

Bio:
Amy Huang, MD, is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She has a special interest in preventive medicine and is passionate about global health and medical education.
Primary Care (cont.)

**Jeffrey D. Jenks, MD, MPH**  
Primary Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

**Bio:**  
Jeffrey Jenks, 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. Dr. Jenks also has advanced training in infectious diseases and a special interest in treating tuberculosis.

**Gene A. Kallenberg, MD**  
Primary Care Physician  
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  
**Subspecialty:**  
Integrative & Holistic Medicine

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

**Bio:**  
Gene Kallenberg, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. He provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. With integrative medicine, Dr. Kallenberg brings complementary approaches to his patient’s overall care plan including mindfulness-based stress reduction, whole food/plant based nutrition approaches and body work approaches like yoga, massage, acupuncture and Tai-Chi.

**Kurtis Lindeman, MD**  
Primary Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Family Medicine

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260  
Fax: (619) 471-9300

**Bio:**  
Kurtis Lindeman, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor and psychiatrist. He provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

**Ottar Viker Lunde, MD**  
Primary Care Physician  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine  
**Add'l Languages:**  
Norwegian, Spanish

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

**Bio:**  
Ottar V. Lunde, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. He provides primary care for adults, including preventive care as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Lunde has a special interest in heart failure, sleep medicine and weight loss counseling. He is certified by the American Board of Obesity Medicine.
Primary Care (cont.)

Lawrence Ma, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 471-9250

Bio:
Lawrence Ma, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician and internal medicine doctor who provides primary care for children, adults and seniors, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. He is a part of UC San Diego Health’s pediatrics program, which offers comprehensive care for infants, children and teenagers, through all their developmental stages, in a supportive, family-friendly environment. Specifically, Dr. Ma’s areas of care focus on children with complex medical problems and helping them transition to adult care. He also has advanced training in geriatric medicine, and has a special interest in maintaining the health and wellness of older adults as they transition through the stages of aging.

Sarah Merrill, MD
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Scripps Ranch - Mira Mesa Blvd
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Sarah Merrill, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. In addition to diagnosing and treating injuries associated with athletics, Dr. Merrill provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She also has a special interest in rehabilitating individuals with yoga injuries, as well as performing ultrasound guided diagnostics and procedures.
Primary Care (cont.)

Richard (Willie) Novotny, MD  
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish  

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:  
Richard Novotny, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to practicing the full breadth of primary care and caring for patients of all ages, including children and adults. He is skilled in chronic disease management while also focused on preventive medicine and helping patients strive for their best health.

Elizabeth Rosenblum, MD  
Primary Care Physician  
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:  
Elizabeth Rosenblum, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She is committed to providing compassionate and comprehensive care to individuals and families. Due to her extensive background in maternal-child health, Dr. Rosenblum focuses primarily on the care of pregnant women and of newborns, children and adolescents. She is also a member of a multidisciplinary team that cares for pregnant women in the Diabetes and Pregnancy Program.

Armelia Sani, MD, FACP  
Primary Care Physician  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Indonesian  

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

Bio:  
Armelia Sani, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Deepa Sannidhi, MD  
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Family Medicine  
Subspecialty:  
Integrative & Holistic Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Telugu  

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:  
Deepa Sannidhi, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to practicing the full breadth of primary care and caring for patients of all ages, including children, adolescents, adults and seniors. Trained in preventive medicine, Dr. Sannidhi provides chronic disease management and also helps people prevent and treat disease through lifestyle and integrative medicine. Her expertise includes women's health, integrative medicine, and lifestyle medicine, which uses evidence-based therapeutic approaches such as nutrition, exercise, stress management, sleep and other non-drug modalities, to decrease disease risk and illness.
Primary Care (cont.)

**Alan Shahtaji, DO**  
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist  
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

**La Jolla - Genesee Avenue**
**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**
**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600

**Bio:**  
Alan Shahtaji, DO, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. He directs UC San Diego Health's Concussion Clinic, which offers comprehensive care for concussion assessment and management. As an osteopathic physician, Dr. Shahtaji has a whole-body approach to medicine. His areas of expertise include musculoskeletal ultrasound, fracture management, osteopathic manual medicine for sports injuries, and treating non-operative orthopedic problems; as well as a special interest in exercise and nutrition.

**Julie R. Sierra, MD**  
Primary Care Physician

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

**Bio:**  
Julie Sierra, 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. Dr. Sierra treats individuals from their late teens (age 18 and older) to older adults, and her clinical interests include (but are not limited to) women's health, disease prevention and screening, and chronic disease management. She also manages the care of people with multiple medical problems ranging from diabetes and hypertension, to thyroid disease, heart conditions, and many others.

**Christine Thorne, MD, MPH**  
Primary Care Physician

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Family Medicine

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

**Bio:**  
Christine Thorne, MD, provides primary care for adults and families, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Primary Care (cont.)

Lori Wan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

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

Jennifer J. Wu, MD,
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Jennifer J. Wu, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages and in all stages of their life, including preventive care, women’s healthcare, pediatric care, and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She treats the whole family and develops long-term relationships with her patients. She also provides prenatal care for women, delivers babies, and cares for new families postpartum.

Regina M. Wang, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine

Add'l Languages:
American Sign Language (ASL), Mandarin, Spanish

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9260

Bio:
Regina M. Wang, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor. She provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
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