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Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine specializes in diagnosis, nonsurgical treatment, and preventive medicine of diseases affecting the internal organs. Learn more about internal medicine at UC San Diego Health.

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Primary Care Physician

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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.

Janelle Farias, MA, LMFT
Marriage and Family Therapist

**Specialty:**
Marriage and Family Therapy

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Spanish

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**Bio:**
Janelle Farias, MA, is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) who specializes in mental health services to children and adolescents. She has experience working with all types of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), oppositional defiant disorder (ODD), eating disorders, gender dysphoria, autism spectrum disorder, bipolar disorder, and intellectual disability.
Pediatrics

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about [pediatrics](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

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Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

**Specialty:**  Pediatrics

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Rebecca Sox, MS, MPH, is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner (CPNP) with the High Risk Infant Follow-Up program at UC San Diego Health. She takes patient histories and performs physical, neurological, and development exams and assessments for high-risk children age five months to three years of age, following discharge from the neonatal intensive care unit. She also assists with early intervention referrals and collaborates with the program's social worker.

**Shannon Leung, MD, MPH**
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**Subspecialty:**
Adolescent Medicine

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**Bio:**
Kanani Titchen, MD, is an adolescent medicine physician and board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for young people ages 10 to 26, while specializing in the unique physical, social and emotional conditions of their life stages. Dr. Titchen has expertise in trauma-sensitive adolescent reproductive and sexual health (including long-acting reversible contraception, problems with menstruation, and sexual assault/abuse and sex trafficking); health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth; and the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication in preventing HIV infection.
Bret D. Pickering, MD
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Pediatrics - Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics is the evaluation and treatment of developmental, learning or behavioral problems in children and adolescents.

Adam Braddock, MD
Pediatrician

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Sheila Gahagan, MD, MPH
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

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Sheila Gahagan, MD, MPH, is a board-certified developmental-behavioral pediatrician. She has particular expertise in infant and toddler regulation disorders (including sleep problems), difficulty feeding, excessive crying and tantrums, attachment disorders, complications of prematurity, and fetal alcohol syndrome. She also cares for many children with autism spectrum disorders and ADHD.

Lauren E. Gist, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

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Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
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Lauren Gist, MD, MPH is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in developmental-behavioral pediatrics. Dr. Gist has a special interest in the evaluation and care of young children with behavioral challenges, children with developmental and behavioral concerns associated with genetic conditions, autism, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.
Yi Hui Liu, MD, MPH
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

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Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

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Yi Hui Liu, MD, MPH is a board-certified developmental-behavioral pediatrician. Developmental-behavioral pediatricians work with families to evaluate, treat, and coordinate care for children with developmental delays, behavioral issues, learning disorders and/or mental health concerns. Dr. Liu has a special interest in the evaluation and care of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorders, anxiety, intellectual disability, and developmental delays. She has extensive experience collaborating with other developmental services, including psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.
Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

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