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Psychiatry

Psychiatry is the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Learn more about [psychiatry](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

### Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA
**Psychiatrist**

**Specialty:** Psychiatry

**Add'l Language:** Telugu

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
Nora Bammidi, MBBS, FAPA, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats general mental health issues in adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, insomnia and bipolar disorders. She provides medication management and psychotherapy to help treat these mental health conditions.

### Anne Bird, MBChB
**Psychiatrist**

**Associate Professor of Psychiatry**

**Specialty:** Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**
Anne Bird, MBChB, is a board-certified adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist who specializes in treating children, teens and young adults with mood disorders, anxiety disorders or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). She uses both medications and talk therapy (psychotherapy) in her practice.

### Ashley L. Clark, MD
**Psychiatrist**

**Associate Professor of Psychiatry**

**Specialty:** Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Hillcrest - 140 Arbor Drive**

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**Bio:**
Ashley Clark, MD, is board-certified psychiatrist whose practice focuses on women’s reproductive mental health issues, such as premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), and mood and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum period. She is part of the [Women's Reproductive Mental Health Program](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health.

### Douglas D'Agati, MD
**Psychiatrist**

**Assistant Professor of Psychiatry**

**Specialty:** Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**
Douglas D'Agati, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating adults and young adults with mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders, psychosis, and schizophrenia.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Nancy Downs, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**
Nancy Downs, MD is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health needs of college students and transition age youth.

David Folsom, MD
Director, Division of Clinical Psychiatry
Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Department of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**
David Folsom, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and director of the Division of Clinical Psychiatry at UC San Diego Health. He has a special interest in providing care for people with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses, and those with both mental and physical health problems. He uses a comprehensive, whole-person approach to psychiatric care, addressing all areas that contribute to a person’s successful recovery as well as promoting life skills, providing education, and cultivating help-seeking behavior.

Jonathon R. Howlett, MD
Psychiatrist

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Jonathon Howlett, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals with treatment-resistant depression. His practice also includes treating more general mental health conditions such depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Ildiko Kovacs, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:**
Psychiatry

**Add’l Language:**
Hungarian

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**
Ildiko Kovacs, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in caring for individuals and couples experiencing issues related to sexual function, sexuality and gender.
Carla Marienfeld, MD  
Psychiatrist  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:** Psychiatry  
**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

**Contact:**  
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**Bio:**  
Carla Marienfeld, MD, is a board-certified addiction psychiatrist who specializes in treating individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions, such as anxiety and depression. She supports recovery in a harm-reduction approach that uses therapy, motivational interviewing, and medication-assisted treatment.

Alison Reminick, MD  
Psychiatrist  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:** Psychiatry  
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**Bio:**  
Alison Reminick, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in the mental health care needs for women with premenstrual syndrome (PMS), premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), pregnancy and postpartum mood disorders, and emotional disturbances during menopause. She directs the [Women's Reproductive Mental Health Program](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health, which helps women manage and recover from anxiety, depression, or other emotional concerns during infertility, pregnancy, or the postpartum period.

Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD  
Psychiatrist  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

**Specialty:** Psychiatry  
**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**  
Alejandro Meruelo, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who delivers compassionate, expert care to people with bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders. He also cares for individuals with treatment-resistant depression using transcranial magnetic stimulation.

Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD  
Psychiatrist

**Specialty:** Psychiatry  
**La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive**

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**Bio:**  
Neil M. Richtand, MD, PhD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who provides expert, compassionate mental health care services to UC San Diego undergraduate and graduate students.
Psychiatry (cont.)

Jennifer Roby, DO
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
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Bio:
Jennifer Roby, DO, is a psychiatrist who provides general mental health care services for adults. She provides care to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students through UC San Diego Health’s College Mental Health Program. She also helps women with postpartum depression, postpartum anxiety and other reproductive-related mental health concerns that affect women and their families.

Sanjaya Saxena, MD
Psychiatrist
Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry
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Bio:
Sanjaya Saxena, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist focusing on the treatment of people with obsessive-compulsive disorders (OCD) and related conditions such as compulsive hoarding and body dysmorphic disorder.

Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH
Psychiatrist
Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialty:
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Bio:
Murray B. Stein, MD, MPH, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats individuals with anxiety, and trauma and stressor-related disorders, including panic disorder, agoraphobia, social anxiety disorder (social phobia), generalized anxiety disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with or without depression.

Jon (David) Stiffler, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry
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Bio:
David Stiffler, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who treats people with substance use disorders, trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), mood disorders, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
Psychiatry (cont.)

Hannah C. Sweet, MD
Psychiatrist
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Specialty:
Psychiatry

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Bio:
Hannah Sweet, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating children and adolescents with all types of mental illness and psychiatric conditions. Her practice is part of UC San Diego Health’s comprehensive and compassionate mental health services for teens.

Psychiatry - Geriatric Psychiatry

Steven F. Huege, MD
Psychiatrist

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
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Bio:
Steven Huege, MD, is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health and neurodegenerative disorders in older adults, including both chronic and new-onset mental illness. His areas of clinical expertise include Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and mood and psychotic disorders in older adults.

Kalya Vardi, MD
Psychiatrist
Medical Director, Senior Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program

Specialty:
Psychiatry
Subspecialty:
Geriatric Psychiatry

La Jolla - 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
Hillcrest - 410 Dickinson Street
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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Bio:
Kalya Vardi, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist who specializes in treating mental health problems in older adults, including depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and the psychiatric or behavioral complications of dementia, such as Alzheimer’s disease.
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