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Allergy & Immunology

Allergy and Immunology is the medical specialty concerned with allergies and disorders of the immune system. Learn more about allergy and immunology at UC San Diego Health.

Bruce Zuraw, MD
Allergist, Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology

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Bio:
Bruce Zuraw, MD, is a board-certified physician who specializes in angioedema, urticaria, allergic and non-allergic rhinitis, allergen immunotherapy, anaphylaxis, and sinusitis. Dr. Zuraw directs the US HAEA Angioedema Center at UC San Diego Health.
Allergy & Immunology - Asthma

Sandra C. Christiansen, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

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Bio:
Sandra C. Christiansen, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema and allergic airway disease. Dr. Christiansen is an internationally respected allergy and angioedema expert and cares for people with various medical conditions related to the immune system. These include respiratory tract diseases (e.g. sinusitis and asthma), allergic conditions of the skin (e.g. atopic dermatitis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Taylor Doherty, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Taylor Doherty, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist with expertise in asthma, allergies and adult immune deficiency. He provides diagnosis and treatment for problems related to the human immune system such as skin disorders (e.g., hives, eczema), respiratory tract diseases (e.g., sinusitis, asthma), autoimmune related disease (e.g., arthritis) and food and medication sensitivity.

Marc A. Riedl, MD
Allergist/Immunologist
Clinical Director, Angioedema Center
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Allergy & Immunology
Subspecialty:
Asthma

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Marc A. Riedl, MD, is a board-certified allergist/immunologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating angioedema, immune deficiency diseases, asthma, anaphylaxis, food and medication sensitivity, and other related conditions. Dr. Riedl is the clinical director of UC San Diego Health's U.S. HAEA Angioedema Center, which offers comprehensive evaluations and treatment options for people with all forms of angioedema.
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.

Robin Seaberg, MD
Attending Anesthesiologist
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Anesthesiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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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

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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.
Concierge Medicine

Concierge medicine is a relationship between a patient and a physician in which the patient pays an annual fee or retainer in exchange for enhanced, personalized medical care. Learn more about concierge medicine at UC San Diego Health.

William J. Ackerman, MD  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients  
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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

Edward David Brown, MD  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients  
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine  
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Bio:  
Edward David Brown, 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.

Tahir I. Bhatti, MD  
Wellness Physician  
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:  
Concierge Medicine

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Bio:  
Tahir I Bhatti, MD, is a wellness physician at UC San Diego Health’s Concierge Medicine program and Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. As an integrative psychiatrist, Dr. Bhatti combines his traditional training with meditation, mindfulness, stress reduction techniques, life coaching, chi kung, t’ai chi, breath work, human design and bio-field therapies. He has been a meditation practitioner since 1991 and t’ai chi instructor since 1995.

Alma Harb, MD  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

Add’l Languages:  
Arabic, French, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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Bio:  
Alma Harb, 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.
Concierge Medicine (cont.)

Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

Bio:
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
Dermatology

Dermatology is the branch of medicine which studies and treats a variety of skin disorders and diseases. Learn more about [dermatology at UC San Diego Health](https://health.ucsd.edu).

**Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, FAAD**
**Dermatologist**

**Specialty:** 
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

**Bio:**
Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats patients with skin cancers such as basal cell, melanoma, squamous cell, leukemia cutis and lymphoma of the skin. She also treats inflammatory skin conditions including eczema, rosacea and psoriasis as well as acne and warts.

**Anna Di Nardo, MD, PhD**
**Dermatologist**
**Associate Professor of Dermatology**

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**Add'l Language:**
Italian

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

**Bio:**
Anna Di Nardo, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who oversees the High Risk Pigmented Lesion Clinic. She also specializes in mole mapping and digital dermoscopy to detect early-stage melanoma.

**Robert A. Dorschner, MD, FAAD**
**Dermatologist**

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

**Bio:**
Robert Dorschner, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who diagnoses and cares for adult general dermatology patients and performs minor surgeries. He treats all medical dermatologic conditions, from skin cancer to rashes, acne and warts.

**Tissa Hata, MD**
**Dermatologist**
**Professor of Medicine**

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Tissa Hata, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and clinical service chief and director of the UC San Diego Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit.
Dermatology (cont.)

Charisse Orme, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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Bio:
Charisse Orme, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in general dermatology as well as treating complex conditions such as cutaneous lymphoma, medication reactions in the skin, autoimmune blistering diseases and cutaneous connective tissue disease.

Arisa Ortiz, MD, FAAD
Dermatologist
Director of Laser and Cosmetic Dermatology
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Dermatology

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Bio:
Arisa Ortiz, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of laser and cosmetic dermatology at UC San Diego Health. She specializes in the latest noninvasive procedures, including laser skin resurfacing, dermal filler and toxin injections, body contouring, skin tightening, and the treatment of scars.

Taraneh Paravar, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Taraneh Paravar, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for all patients in the general dermatology clinic and also focuses on complex medical dermatology. This includes treating patients with autoimmune blistering disorders, graft-versus-host disease of the skin, dermatologic complications of cancer therapy, and rheumatologic diseases of the skin such as cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis, scleroderma, morphea, and cutaneous vasculitis.

Jeremy A. Schneider, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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Bio:
Jeremy Schneider, MD, is a dermatologist who sees general medical dermatology patients. He also has a special interest in inpatient dermatology and directs the inpatient consultation service, staffing inpatient consultations with dermatology residents.
Dermatology (cont.)

Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

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**Bio:**
Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees patients for contact dermatitis consultations and patch testing, generally only at the request of another dermatologist or allergist.

Jessica Sprague, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Jessica Sprague, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for people with both general and complex skin conditions. Her interests include treating acne, eczema (atopic dermatitis), psoriasis, pemphigoid, pemphigus, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa and other inflammatory and neoplastic skin disorders.

Bryan K. Sun, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

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**Bio:**
Bryan Sun, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats a variety of skin conditions, including eczema, psoriasis and acne. He also performs skin screening for skin cancer. He has a special interest in genetic skin diseases and genetic syndromes with skin manifestations.

Daniel R. Synkowski, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

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**Bio:**
Daniel Synkowski, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees adult patients with general dermatology needs and performs minor surgery.
Dermatology (cont.)

Benjamin D. Yu, MD, PhD
Dermatologist

Specialty:
Dermatology

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Bio:
Benjamin Yu, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who practices general dermatology. He provides diagnosis and treatment for common skin conditions such as skin cancer, acne, psoriasis and eczema. Dr. Yu has a special interest in precision medicine, health technology and human genetic variation.
Dermatology - Dermatopathology

Brian Hinds, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Subspecialty:
Dermatopathology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Bio:
Brian Hinds, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist who specializes in the study of skin under the microscope and treats dermatology patients with a focus on conditions such as acne, skin infections/warts, psoriasis, eczema, and skin cancers. He also treats chronic skin conditions with internal manifestations, such as lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, and sarcoidosis, among other complex or recalcitrant skin diseases.

Amanda F. Marsch, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Subspecialty:
Dermatopathology

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Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8322
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Bio:
Amanda Marsch, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist with expertise in general dermatology as well as complex conditions such as medication reactions in the skin, cutaneous vasculitis, skin manifestations of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), HIV-related skin changes, cutaneous lymphoma, pyoderma gangrenosum, pemphigoid, pemphigus, morphea, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa, and cutaneous connective tissue disease.
Dermatology - Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

Shang I Brian Jiang, MD
Professor of Dermatology
Director, Dermatologic and Mohs Micrographic Surgery

**Specialty:**
Dermatology

**Subspecialty:**
Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

**Bio:**
S. Brian Jiang, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of dermatologic and Mohs micrographic surgery at UC San Diego Health. Mohs surgery, a type of precise surgical technique, is used to remove basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, the two most common skin cancers. In addition to Mohs surgery, Dr. Jiang’s expertise includes reconstructive surgery and cosmetic dermatology and laser procedures.
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialty:
Laryngology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
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.

**William J. Ackerman, MD**  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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

**Alma Harb, MD**  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**  
Arabic, French, Spanish

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**Bio:**  
Alma Harb, 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.

**Edward David Brown, MD**  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients  
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine  
Clinical Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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

**Ramona Master, MD**  
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

**Specialties:**  
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

**Add'l Language:**  
Gujarati

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**Bio:**  
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
Occupational/Environmental Medicine

UC San Diego Health’s Occupational and Environmental Medicine provides the San Diego area with a full range of services for prevention and compliance assistance; work injury treatment and management; blood borne pathogen exposure; vaccinations; and case coordination. Learn more about occupational and environmental medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH
Occupational Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician. She has extensive clinical and leadership experience directing occupational medicine clinics and delivering clinical services to employers in virtually all industrial sectors, including biotech/life sciences/technology, public entity, and manufacturing.

John C. Kim, MD
Physician, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
John C. Kim, MD, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician who specializes in treating and managing work-related injuries, illnesses and diseases.
Ophthalmology - Cataract Surgery

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

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialties:**
Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery

**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 - 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  
Subspeciality: Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
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  
Subspeciality: Cornea  
Add'l Language: Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center  
Shiley Eye Institute  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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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

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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:**
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**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:**
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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

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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.

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

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialties:
Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
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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**
**Hilcrest - 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, MHCM, 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

**Shiley Eye Institute**
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:
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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:
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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
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

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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**

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**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
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**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.
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.

William J. Ackerman, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

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

Alma Harb, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French, Spanish

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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

Bio:
Alma Harb, 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.

Edward David Brown, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients
Medical Director, Concierge Medicine
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Concierge Medicine

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Contact:
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Bio:
Edward David Brown, 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.

Ramona Master, MD
Primary Care Physician for Concierge Medicine Patients

Specialties:
Concierge Medicine, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

Add'l Language:
Gujarati

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Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5000

Bio:
Ramona Master, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor. Dr. Master treats adults through the concierge medicine program at UC San Diego Health, where she specializes in preventive medicine and chronic disease management. Concierge Medicine is a primary care option that requires an annual fee and offers enhanced services, extended amenities and 24/7 access.
Radiology

Radiology is the branch of medicine specializing in the use of imaging technologies such as x-ray and radiation to diagnose and treat diseases. Learn more about radiology at UC San Diego Health.

Stephen M. Dorros, MD, FACR
Medical Director, Outpatient Imaging Services
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Steven M. Dorros, MD, is a board-certified radiologist with subspecialty training in neuroradiology. His clinical focus is on imaging the brain and spine to better understand and treat a variety of conditions, including back pain, sports injuries, malignancies and epilepsy.
Radiology - Neuroradiology

Julie Bykowski, MD
Neuroradiologist
Professor of Radiology

Specialty:
Radiology
Subspecialty:
Neuroradiology

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Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3405

Bio:
Julie Bykowski, MD, is a board-certified neuroradiologist whose practice focuses on interpreting magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and radiographic images of the brain, head and neck, and spine. She is the consulting radiologist for Moores Cancer Center's head and neck tumor board, and for the Stroke Center team at UC San Diego Health.
Surgery

The branch of medicine that uses surgery in the treatment of disease, injury or disorders. Learn more about surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD
Otolaryngologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Laryngology
Add'l Language:
Spanish
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Andrew Vahabzadeh-Hagh, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon who treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat. As a fellowship-trained laryngologist, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Hagh specializes in treating diseases of the larynx in both the clinic and in surgery, including complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders. This includes vocal fold paralysis or paresis, dysphonia secondary to benign or malignant laryngeal lesions, neurolaryngologic disorders such as spasmodic dysphonia, laryngeal tremor, vocal cord dysfunction, paradoxical vocal fold motion, professional voice, voice masculinization and feminization, and chronic cough.

Philip Weissbrod, MD
Director, Center for Voice and Swallowing
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery
Subspecialty:
Laryngology
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Philip Weissbrod, MD, is a board-certified otolaryngologist who has expertise in utilizing surgical and behavioral therapies to treat voice and swallowing conditions, including chronic cough, laryngeal tumors and dysplasia, neurological voice abnormalities, swallowing inability (due to head and neck cancer or neurologic disorder), and narrowing or scarring of the pharynx, larynx, subglottis or trachea.
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