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La Jolla
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 92037

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

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

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about endocrinology and diabetes at UC San Diego Health System.

Schafer Boeder, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Schafer Boeder, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who diagnoses and treats people with a variety of endocrine conditions. He has a particular interest in diabetes and is a member of the inpatient glycemic control team, where he works with patients to monitor glucose levels, adjust insulin dosages, and maintain long-term glucose control at home.

Steven Victor Edelman, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Please note that Dr. Edelman is not a Primary Care Physician

Charles H. Choe, MD
Clinical Service Chief - Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Charlie Choe, MD, is a board certified endocrinologist. He also holds an active Endocrine Certification in Neck Ultrasound from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists for performing ultrasound and ultrasound-guided biopsies for patients with thyroid nodules and cancer.

Vala Hamidi, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Vala Hamidi, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, disorders of calcium and skeletal metabolism, osteoporosis, pituitary and adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and thyroid disorders. She also provides care in general endocrinology.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a “Top Doc” in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Christopher J. Hupfeld, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 479-5370

Patricia S. Juang, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Chinese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Patricia Juang, MD, is an endocrinologist who sees patients with a variety of endocrine conditions. She has a particular interest in the care of diabetic patients in the inpatient hospital setting.

Karl Y. Hostetler, MD

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Endocrinology (cont.)

**Deborah Kado, MD**
Bone Health Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**  
Deborah Kado, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for people with osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. She directs the osteoporosis program at UC San Diego Health and sees patients in the Endocrinology outpatient clinic in La Jolla.

**Kristen Kulasa, MD**
Endocrinologist  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
Jacobs Medical Center

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**  
Kristen Kulasa, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes. Dr. Kulasa serves as director of inpatient glycemic control - working to ensure that people who are in the hospital have optimal blood sugar levels during their stay. She oversees the clinical diabetes nurse educators on staff.

**Karen McCowen, MD**
Endocrinologist

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**  
Karen McCowen, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She has a special interest in the management of diabetes in pregnancy, technologies for managing type 1 diabetes, thyroid biopsy and thyroid cancer, and pituitary and adrenal diseases.

**Mizuho Mimoto, MD, PhD**
Endocrinologist  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Endocrinology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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

**Bio:**  
Mizuho Mimoto, MD, PhD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, thyroid disease, osteoporosis and disorders related to the pituitary, adrenal and parathyroid glands.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Jeremy Pettus, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Endocrinology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**
Jeremy Pettus, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in treating diabetes. He works with individuals who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes to develop personalized treatment plans which may include healthy eating, exercise, diabetes medication or insulin therapy and blood sugar monitoring.

Gina N. Woods, MD
Endocrinologist and Bone Health Specialist
Associate Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism

**Specialty:**
Endocrinology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**
Gina Woods, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with osteoporosis and other metabolic bone diseases. She works with individuals to preserve bone health, prevent fractures, and manage osteoporosis care with treatments that may include diet modification, exercise and medication.

Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Endocrinology

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

**Bio:**
Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She specializes in treating patients with many types of endocrine disorders, including diabetes and thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and pituitary diseases.
Osteopathic Medicine

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body's natural tendency for good health.

Michael Kurisu, DO
Osteopathic Physician

Specialty:
Osteopathic Medicine

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8600

Bio:
Michael Kurisu, DO, is a family medicine physician who provides comprehensive care for people of all ages, including children and adults. As a holistic medicine doctor, the cornerstone of his approach focuses on an internal capacity to heal. He considers the whole person — physical and emotional — in the quest for optimal health and wellness.

Amy Leu, 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

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue

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

Bio:
Amy Leu, DO, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. Her expertise includes diagnosing, treating and preventing injuries associated with athletics, including acute and stress fractures, sprains and overuse injuries. She also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Osteopathic Medicine (cont.)

Roger J. Mignosa, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Osteopathic Medicine

**La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue**
**Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750

**Bio:**
Roger Mignosa, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and an exercise physiologist. Physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists help restore function in individuals who have impaired physical activity as a result of illness or injury.

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 - 9333 Genesee Avenue**
**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**
**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**
**Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd**

**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 Sports 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.
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