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.
## Locations

### La Jolla
- 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

### Hillcrest
- **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

### Encinitas
- **1200 Garden View Road**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024
- **477 North El Camino Real**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

### Vista
- **910 Sycamore Avenue**
  - Vista, CA 92081

### Scripps Ranch
- **9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.**
  - San Diego, CA 92131

### Kearny Mesa
- 7910 Frost Street
  - San Diego, CA 92123

### Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
- 3020 Children’s Way
  - San Diego, CA 92123

### Chula Vista
- 959 Lane Avenue
  - Chula Vista, CA 91914

### Temecula
- 31720 Temecula Parkway
  - Temecula, CA 92952

### Sorrento Valley
- 4910 Directors Place
  - San Diego, CA 92121
Locations

1. Jacobs Medical Center
2. Moores Cancer Center
3. Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
4. UC San Diego Medical Center
5. UC San Diego Health Clinic Locations
6. Rady Children’s Hospital–San Diego
7. Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System

Clinic Locations

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- Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System

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Senior Medicine

Senior medicine, also known as geriatric medicine, is a medical specialization focusing on the health care of older adults. Learn more about senior medicine at UC San Diego Health System.

Veronica V. Gonzalez, MD
Primary Care Physician

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

**Bio:**
Veronica Gonzalez, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician who specializes in caring for older adults. She provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses and preservation of function. As a geriatrician, Dr. Gonzalez aims to keep seniors healthy and high functioning as they transition through the stages of aging. Her expertise includes providing therapeutic and rehabilitative care for conditions or health concerns that are common among the elderly such as frailty, falls, incontinence, memory and cognitive problems, and medication-related side effects. She also has expertise in end of life care and advance care planning.

Roopali Gupta, MD
Primary Care Physician
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

**Bio:**
Roopali Gupta, MD, is a board-certified geriatric medicine doctor. She provides primary care for older adults, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

Deborah Kado, MD
Bone Health Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

**Specialties:**
Endocrinology, Senior Medicine

**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 the elderly. Specifically, Dr. Kado's expertise is in evaluating and treating osteoporosis. She directs the osteoporosis program at UC San Diego Health and sees patients in the Endocrinology outpatient clinic in La Jolla.
Senior Medicine (cont.)

Lawrence Ma, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Senior Medicine

Subspecialties:
Complex Care Pediatrics, General 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.

Alison Moore, MD, MPH, FACP
Primary Care Physician
Chief, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Senior Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Alison Moore, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. She provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic diseases and preservation of function. As a geriatrician, Dr. Moore aims to keep seniors healthy and high functioning as they transition through the stages of aging. Her expertise includes providing therapeutic and rehabilitative care for conditions or health concerns that are common among the elderly such as frailty, falls, incontinence, memory and cognitive problems, and medication-related side effects. She also has expertise in end of life care and advance care planning.

Ian C. Neel, MD
Geriatrician

Specialties:
Skilled Nursing Facility Care, Primary Care, Senior Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 249-2500

Bio:
Ian Neel, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for older adults. He serves as the primary geriatric medicine consultant for Senior Behavioral Health at UC San Diego Health.
Senior Medicine (cont.)

Khai H. Nguyen, MD, MHS  
Primary Care Physician  
Clinical Services Chief, Senior Medicine  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Senior Medicine  

Add'l Language:  
Vietnamese  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500  

Bio:  
Khai Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. He provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses and preservation of function. As a geriatrician, Dr. Nguyen aims to keep seniors healthy and high functioning as they transition through the stages of aging. His expertise includes providing therapeutic and rehabilitative care for conditions or health concerns that are common among the elderly such as frailty, falls, incontinence, memory and cognitive problems, and medication-related side effects. He also has expertise in end of life care and advance care planning.

Jairo Alberto Romero, MD  
Primary Care Physician  
Professor of Medicine  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Senior Medicine  

Add'l Language:  
Spanish  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500  

Bio:  
Jairo Alberto Romero, MD, is a board-certified geriatric medicine doctor. He provides primary care for older adults, with an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses.

James R. Templeman, MD, MPH  
Primary Care Physician  

Specialties:  
Primary Care, Senior Medicine  

Add'l Language:  
Spanish  

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-2500  

Bio:  
James Templeman, MD, MPH, is a board-certified geriatrician who specializes in caring for older adults. He provides primary care to patients, with an emphasis on healthy aging, disease prevention, treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, and preservation of function.
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