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Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation focuses on helping people achieve the highest level of function, independence, and quality of life possible. Learn more about the comprehensive rehabilitation services offered at UC San Diego Health.

Jessie (Altman) Agrimis, DPT
Physical Therapist

Specialty:
Rehabilitation

La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Jessie Agrimis, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who treats people with various neurological disorders, including Parkinson’s disease, stroke, multiple sclerosis, brain and spinal injuries, Guillain-Barré syndrome, ALS (i.e. amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease) and post-polio syndrome. She also treats individuals with vestibular and balance disorders.

Megan Lapicto, DPT
Physical Therapist

Specialty:
Rehabilitation

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Megan Lapicto, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of women and men with pelvic dysfunction and pelvic pain, including urinary incontinence, urge and stress incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse.

Lauren Davis, MA, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist

Specialties:
Speech-Language Pathology, Rehabilitation

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Lauren Davis, MA, is a certified speech-language pathologist who helps individuals maximize their speech ability, language comprehension and expression, social and cognitive-communication skills. She also assesses and treats voice and swallowing disorders. She provides assessment for alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) devices.

Susan Neese, MA, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist

Specialties:
Speech-Language Pathology, Rehabilitation

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Susan Neese, MA, is a speech-language pathologist who who helps individuals maximize their speech ability, language comprehension and expression, social and cognitive-communication skills. She also assesses and treats swallowing disorders, which can occur as a result of illness, surgery, stroke or injury. She is the primary speech pathologist at Thornton Pavilion and also helps patients with Parkinson's disease in the neurological rehabilitation program.
Rehabilitation (cont.)

Rehabilitation - Occupational Therapy

Margaret Amaral, OTR/L, CHT
Occupational Therapist

Specialty:
Rehabilitation
Subspecialty:
Occupational Therapy

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Margaret Amaral is a registered and licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) and certified hand therapist (CHT). Her expertise includes physical agent modalities (PAMs) and treating a wide range injuries and conditions, including tendon repairs, arthritis, fractures, and complex reconstructive repairs of the hand such as digital replantation, crush injuries and nerve repairs.

Resenia (Resie) Collins, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist

Specialty:
Rehabilitation
Subspecialty:
Occupational Therapy

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Resenia Collins is a registered and licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) with advanced practice certification in hand therapy and physical agent modalities (PAMs) She is also certified as a lymphedema therapist through the Lymphology Association of North America (LANA).
Lisa F. Harris, OT/L, CHT
Occupational Therapist

**Specialty:**
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**
Occupational Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Lisa Harris, is a licensed occupational therapist (OT/L) and certified hand therapist (CHT). She has more than 25 years’ experience and was among the first group of therapists to become nationally certified in hand rehabilitation in 1990.

Alyssa Mikut, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist

**Specialty:**
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**
Occupational Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Alyssa Mikut, is a registered and licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L). She works with people in the outpatient setting at UC San Diego Health, helping individuals to improve their safety and functional abilities.

Julie Larsen, OTD, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist

**Specialty:**
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**
Occupational Therapy

La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Julie Larsen, OTD, is a registered and licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) whose expertise is treating people with neurological disorders, specializing in pediatric and adult patients. She has experience providing therapy for stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, low vision, developmental delay, autism, and feeding difficulties.

Christina Pineda, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist

**Specialty:**
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**
Occupational Therapy

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Christina Pineda, is a registered and licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) with specialty certification in physical agent modalities (PAMs). She works with patients in the acute care and outpatient settings at UC San Diego Health. She also has experience providing therapy in a variety of settings, including pediatrics, long term acute care, inpatient rehab and home health.
Rehabilitation - Physical Therapy

Kelley Becherer, DPT
Physical Therapist

Specialty: Rehabilitation
Subspecialty: Physical Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Kelley Becherer, DPT, is a physical therapist who works with all levels of athletes to help them reach their full potential and goals with emphasis on evidence-based practice.

Catherine (Cathy) Burgess, DPT, OCS
Physical Therapist

Specialty: Rehabilitation
Subspecialty: Physical Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Cathy Burgess, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist and board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS). She often works with cyclists and is experienced in bicycling biomechanics and treating bicycling-related injuries. Her other areas of expertise include gait analysis; shoulder, knee, and hip pathology; temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD); and treating headaches caused by other illness or physical issues (cervicogenic headaches).

Elizabeth Chien, DPT
Physical Therapist

Specialty: Rehabilitation
Subspecialty: Physical Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Elizabeth Chien, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who helps treat orthopedic conditions. She enjoys working with diverse groups and people of all ages, from athletes, adolescents, adults, and geriatrics.

Lauren Hermas, MPT, OCS
Physical Therapist

Specialty: Rehabilitation
Subspecialty: Physical Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Lauren Hermas, MPT, is a licensed physical therapist, board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS) and certified manual therapist (COMT). Ms. Hermas has extensive experience in orthopedics, utilizing evidence-based practices and manual therapy techniques. She works with patients who have a wide variety of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular conditions, and is particularly skilled in treating conditions of the neck and back, foot and ankle and temporomandibular joint dysfunction.
Rehabilitation - Physical Therapy (cont.)

**Jason Hooper, DPT, OCS**  
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:**  
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**  
Physical Therapy

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Jason Hooper, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist and board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS) who helps patients with orthopedic injuries and conditions. He teaches individuals how to prevent or manage their condition so they gain improved movement and function, as well as long-term health benefits.

**Ricci Kuhlken, BSPT**  
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:**  
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**  
Physical Therapy

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Ricci Kuhlken, BSPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in rehabilitating patients with burn injuries. She has over 20 years experience and is the lead outpatient burn therapist at UC San Diego Health. She also has expertise in treating complex traumatic injuries and helping athletes return to their sporting activities.

**Kristen Kiernan, DPT**  
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:**  
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**  
Physical Therapy

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

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

**Bio:**
Kristen Kiernan, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in treating musculoskeletal and orthopedic issues.

**John Larios, MPT**  
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:**  
Rehabilitation

**Subspecialty:**  
Physical Therapy

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
John Larios, MPT, is a licensed physical therapist with expertise in helping patients with vestibular disorders, temporomandibular joint dysfunction and musculoskeletal dysfunction as a result of hemophilia. Mr. Larios teaches individuals how to prevent or manage their condition so they gain improved movement and function, as well as long-term health benefits.
Rehabilitation - Physical Therapy (cont.)

Yvonne Le, MS, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation  
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy  
**Add'l Language:** Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**  
Yvonne Le, MS, DPT, is a physical therapist who helps people recover from orthopedic injuries and surgeries. She focuses on the patient as a whole to make physical therapy functional and to facilitate returning to work and meaningful activities.

Carter McElroy, MPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation  
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy  
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon  
**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333  
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4446

**Bio:**  
Carter McElroy, MPT, is a physical therapist who specializes in treating people with various balance conditions. He often works with patients who have Parkinson’s disease or vestibular disorders, as well as stroke survivors. He is also experienced in treating patients with various orthopedic injuries.

Michelle Obispo McQuerry, DPT, OCS
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation  
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy  
**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**  
Michelle Obispo McQuerry, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist and board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS). She helps patients regain function and return to sports they enjoy through biomechanical and functional analysis and movement correction. Michelle enjoys treating orthopedic conditions, sports-related injuries, as well as pre and postpartum-related diagnoses.

Kristine Negrete, DPT, NCS
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation  
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy  
**La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**  
Kristine Negrete, DPT, is a physical therapist and board-certified neurology clinical specialist (NCS) who treats people conditions such as Parkinson’s disease, stroke, and brain and spinal cord injuries. She also helps people with multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, post-polio syndrome, and vestibular and balance disorders including post-concussion syndrome.
Kaitlin (Katie) Nuthall, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy
**Add'l Language:** Spanish

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Katie Nuthall, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in neurological conditions, vestibular dysfunction, and inpatient critical care rehabilitation for stroke survivors. Katie is also a part of the Acoustic Neuroma Program at UC San Diego Health and works with people before and after surgery, and throughout their recovery process.

Christopher Rudd, DPT, OCS
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333
- Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4446

**Bio:**
Chris Rudd, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist and board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS) who specializes in sports medicine. He works with individuals to treat and prevent injuries, and also helps athletes to improve their performance. Mr Rudd's approach to care is based on evidence-based treatment interventions with an emphasis on manual therapy and correcting faulty movement patterns through exercise and education.

Vanessa True, MPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspecialty:** Physical Therapy

**Contact:**
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Vanessa Rose True, MPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of women and men with pelvic floor dysfunction and pain.
Kira Underwood, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspeciality:** Physical Therapy

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Kira Underwood, DPT, is a physical therapist who specializes in treating patients with orthopedic and neurological dysfunctions, as well as pain associated with pregnancy.

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Nora Vince, DPT, MPH
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspeciality:** Physical Therapy

**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Nora Vince, DPT, MPH, is a licensed physical therapist who helps people with orthopedic and neuromuscular conditions. Ms. Vince often works with cancer patients and women with orthopedic conditions related to pregnancy. She enjoys helping patients reach their functional goals and return to the sports and activities they love.

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Ann Valentine, DPT, NCS
Physical Therapist Neurologic Clinical Specialist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspeciality:** Physical Therapy

**Jacobs Medical Center**
La Jolla - 8929 University Center Lane

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Ann Valentine, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist and board-certified neurologic clinical specialist (NCS). Ms. Valentine is the supervisor for outpatient rehabilitation at UC San Diego Health's La Jolla locations. She works with patients with a wide variety of neurologic and musculoskeletal conditions and specializes in treating dizziness, gait and balance problems. She also has extensive experience treating patients with neurologic conditions across the continuum of care.

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Stacy Williams, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Specialty:** Rehabilitation
**Subspeciality:** Physical Therapy

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

**Bio:**
Stacy Williams, DPT, is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in treating patients with vestibular and balance impairments. She works closely with UC San Diego Health's Concussion Clinic, which offers comprehensive care for concussion assessment and management.
Audrine Yu, DPT
Physical Therapist

Specialty:
Rehabilitation
Subspecialty:
Physical Therapy

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (855) 543-0333

Bio:
Audrine Yu, DPT is a physical therapist and works primarily in orthopedics. She prioritizes the patient's overall well-being to facilitate return to meaningful activities and higher quality of life. She enjoys working with a diverse population of people.
Vascular Surgery

Vascular surgery is a specialty of medical surgery in which diseases of the vascular system, or arteries and veins, are managed by medical therapy, minimally-invasive catheter procedures, and surgical reconstruction. Learn more about vascular surgery at UC San Diego Health.

Dennis Bandyk, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Dennis Bandyk, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who diagnoses and treats people with disorders affecting the arteries, veins and lymphatic systems. He provides comprehensive medical treatment and reconstructive vascular surgical and endovascular (less invasive) techniques for individuals with all types of vascular conditions.

Andrew Barleben, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Andrew Barleben, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon, specializing in the treatment of a variety of conditions and diseases, including thoracic and abdominal aortic disease, carotid artery disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, renal artery disease, mesenteric artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, varicose veins, venous ulceration and deep vein thrombosis.

John Lane, MD
Interim Chief, Vascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Vascular Surgery - Endovascular Surgery

Omar Al-Nouri, DO
Vascular Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Add'l Language:
Arabic

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Omar Al-Nouri, DO, MS, RPVI, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who specializes in a wide spectrum of vascular diseases, including complex treatment of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, carotid disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, venous disease and hemodialysis access. He uses both open and endovascular (less invasive) techniques to provide patients with the best possible approach.

Mahmoud B. Malas, MD, MHS, FACS
Vascular Surgeon
Chief, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Arabic, French

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Mahmoud Malas, MD, is a vascular and endovascular surgeon who treats patients with conditions related to blood vessels, including thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, spine exposure and hemodialysis access. He specializes in both traditional open surgery and minimally invasive endovascular approaches that require no incision.
Vascular Surgery - Endovascular Surgery (cont.)

Erik L Owens, MD
Vascular Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Vascular Surgery, Surgery
Subspecialty:
Endovascular Surgery
Add'l Language:
Norwegian

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6980

Bio:
Erik Owens, MD, is a board-certified vascular surgeon. He is engaged in several clinical studies with interests in aortic aneurysms, treatment of venous stasis ulcers and minimally invasive bypass procedures. He serves as co-director for the Endovascular Training Center at the San Diego VA Medical Center.
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