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Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are caused by microorganisms that are capable of causing diseases in the human body, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi; the disease can be spread from one person to another. Learn more about treatment for infectious diseases at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Additional Language:
Spanish

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Saima Aslam, MBBS
Infectious Disease Specialist
Director, Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Additional Language:
Urdu

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Saima Aslam, MBBS, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in caring for solid-organ transplant candidates and recipients as well as other immunocompromised individuals. Dr. Aslam directs UC San Diego Health's Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Diseases Service, which provides expert care in the prevention and management of infectious diseases in organ transplant donors and recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Constance A Benson, MD
Senior Attending Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Dr. Benson is Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Benson received her MD degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1978, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical College in Chicago in 1986, after serving three years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as an internist.

Ajay Bharti, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Ajay Bharti, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones. Dr. Bharti also has expertise in tropical infectious diseases.

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who provides primary care services and specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.

Sara H Browne, MD

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sara H. Browne, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).
Edward R. Cachay, MD  
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases  

**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish  

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**  
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

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Anne N. Cowell, MD, MPH  
Infectious Disease Specialist

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

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

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Anne Cowell, MD, MPH, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who sees patients in both the hospital and outpatient setting for a range of infectious diseases, including bloodstream and intravascular device infections, intra-abdominal and urinary tract infections, tuberculosis, prosthetic joint infections, and other postoperative infections.

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Jennifer R. Dan, MD, PhD  
Infectious Disease Specialist

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Jennifer Dan, MD, PhD, is a board-certified internist and infectious disease specialist who cares for hospitalized patients.

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Jeffrey D. Jenks, MD, MPH  
Primary Care Physician  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9250

**Bio:**  
Jeffrey Jenks, 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. Dr. Jenks also has advanced training in infectious diseases and a special interest in treating tuberculosis.
**Infectious Diseases (cont.)**

**Maile Young Karris, MD**
Associate Professor of Medicine  
HIV/AIDS Specialist

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**  
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

**Susan Little, MD**
Professor of Medicine In Residence

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

**Bio:**  
Dr. Susan Little is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases with a research interest in HIV infection. Dr. Little works at the UC San Diego Antiviral Research Center and conducts clinical translational research trials which focus on increasing our understanding of the pathogenesis of acute or primary HIV infection and HIV transmission.

**Scott Letendre, MD**
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**  
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

**Bio:**  
Scott Letendre, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs. He also provides consultation and care for patients staying in the hospital for infectious diseases.

**Cathy Logan, MD**
Infectious Disease Specialist  
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Infectious Diseases

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

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

**Bio:**  
Cathy Logan, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. Her expertise is in treating and preventing infections in immunocompromised individuals, including those with malignant disorders, stem-cell transplant recipients, and solid-organ transplant recipients.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Sanjay R. Mehta, MD
Transplant Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Add'l Languages:
Marathi, Portuguese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sanjay R. Mehta, MD, is one of the solid organ transplant infectious disease faculty at UC San Diego Health. He maintains an HIV-HCV co-infection clinic and is an assistant director of the Clinical Microbiology Lab at UC San Diego. He is also one of the faculty advisors for the UC Haiti Project.

David Pride, MD, PhD

Specialties:
Pathology, Infectious Diseases

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

Bio:
Our laboratory focuses on the role that microbial communities play in human homeostasis, health and disease. We firmly believe that the various microbial components of human ecosystems including bacteria, viruses, archaean, and fungi are important factors that help determine the natural history of their hosts. Furthermore, their interactions with humans or their interactions with other microbial constituents in these communities likely have consequences for human health.

Michele L. Ritter, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9062

Bio:
Michele L. Ritter, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for patients with severe or deep-seated infections. She is director of UC San Diego Health’s outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy (OPAT) program, which allows patients to avoid hospitalization for serious infections by receiving intravenous (IV) antimicrobial therapies in an outpatient setting, including at-home care.

Maria C. Savoia, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Dean, Medical Education

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Maria C. Savoia, MD. is a board-certified infectious disease specialist. She cares for patients with infections caused by germs such as bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites. She also provides counsel and preventive medicine services for healthy people who plan to travel. Dr. Savoia believes that the relationship between the physician and patient should be a partnership, and works closely with each patient to restore their health.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Robert Turner Schooley, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Robert T. Schooley, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.

Francesca Torriani, MD
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.

Randy Taplitz, MD
Clinical Director, Infectious Diseases
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Add'l Language:
French

Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Randy Taplitz, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in infections in compromised individuals, especially those patients with malignant disorders and stem cell transplant recipients. She is the clinical director of Infectious Diseases at UC San Diego Health.
Infectious Diseases (cont.)

Darcy A. Wooten, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

David L. Wyles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
Infectious Diseases - Tropical Diseases

Sharon Lee Reed, MD
Professor of Pathology and Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialty:
Infectious Diseases

Subspecialty:
Tropical Diseases

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Sharon L. Reed, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and physician with UC San Diego Health. Since 1994, she has also been director of the clinical microbiology laboratory at UC San Diego Health.

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
Subspecialty:
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
Subspecialty:
Cornea
Add'l Language:
Spanish
Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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.
Thao Nguyen, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty: Ophthalmology
Subspecialty: Cornea
Add'l Language: Vietnamese

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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
Subspecialty:
General Ophthalmology
Add'l Language:
Cantonese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Ophthalmology - Glaucoma

Andrew S. Camp, MD
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:
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.

Rigby Slight, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Glaucoma

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

Bio:
Rigby Slight, M.D., is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist and acts as Associate Clinical Professor specializing in Glaucoma. Dr. Slight's clinical interests include clinical research in glaucoma and work at the UC San Diego Optic Disc Reading Center.
Ophthalmology - Glaucoma (cont.)

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.

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  
Hillcrest - 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

**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

**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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

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.
Ophthalmology - Retina (cont.)

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

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