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Burn

Burn is damage to the skin or other body parts caused by heat, flame, contact with heated objects, or chemicals. Learn more about burn at UC San Diego Health.

Laura Godat, MD, FACS
Surgeon

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Laura Godat, MD, is board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. She cares for patients who have experienced traumatic injuries, such as motor vehicle collisions or falls, or severe burn injuries. She also treats patients with acute surgical needs, such as the emergency removal of the appendix or gallbladder, or those coping with surgical complications.

Sara Higginson, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Sara Higginson, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who treats people with traumatic injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions or falls, and severe burn injuries.
Burn (cont.)

Samuel H. Lance, MD
Plastic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Cosmetic Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
Samuel Lance, MD, is a plastic surgeon who specializes in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, with expertise in adult and pediatric craniofacial surgery. He is the director of adult craniomaxillofacial surgery (i.e. surgery related to the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures).

Jeanne Lee, MD, FACS
Director, Burn Center
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Burn
Subspecialties:
Trauma, Critical Care

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Surgery: (619) 543-6886

Bio:
Jeanne Lee, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who focuses her care on individuals who have experienced traumatic injury, such as a motor vehicle collision or severe burn injury. As director of the Burn Center at UC San Diego Health, Dr. Lee provides clinical and administrative leadership for the burn program, including education, research, quality improvement, community outreach, and policies and procedures specifying all aspects of care for burn patients.

Mayer Tenenhaus, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Burn

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 294-3746

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
Pediatrics

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about pediatrics at UC San Diego Health.

Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Add'l Language:
Farsi

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH, is board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in caring for children who have medically fragile or special needs.

Nadine Benador, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Pediatrics

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

Daniel Edward Lee, MD, PhD
Anesthesiologist and Pediatric Intensivist
Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics

Specialties:
Anesthesiology, Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Critical Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Daniel E. Lee, MD, PhD, is a board-certified anesthesiologist and pediatrician who provides critical care services and anesthesia for children admitted to UC San Diego Health’s Regional Burn Center, the only burn center in San Diego and Imperial Counties. He also provides anesthesia for patients of all ages at UC San Diego Health hospitals in Hillcrest and La Jolla, and at Rady Children’s Hospital.
Shannon Leung, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Shannon Leung, MD, MPH, is board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults up to age 21.

Rebecca Sox, MS, MPH, CPNP
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3771

Bio:
Rebecca Sox, MS, MPH, is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner (CPNP) with the High Risk Infant Follow-Up program at UC San Diego Health. She takes patient histories and performs physical, neurological, and development exams and assessments for high-risk children age five months to three years of age, following discharge from the neonatal intensive care unit. She also assists with early intervention referrals and collaborates with the program's social worker.

Julie Ryu, MD
Pediatric Pulmonologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor

Specialty:
Pediatrics

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

Yvonne Vaucher, MD

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Lori Wan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

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: (619) 471-9250
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Lori Wan, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor and pediatrician. She provides primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Maya M. Kumar, MD
Adolescent Medicine/Pediatrics Physician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialties:
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Maya Kumar, MD, FAAP, FRCPC, is a board-certified pediatrician and adolescent medicine physician who specializes in treating young people ages 10 to 26. She is part of a UC San Diego Health program that allows patients transitioning through adolescence and young adulthood to see a physician who specializes in the unique physical, social and emotional conditions of this life stage.

Kanani E. Titchen, MD, FAAP
Adolescent Medicine Physician/Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
Adolescent Medicine

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Kanani Titchen, MD, is an adolescent medicine physician and board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for young people ages 10 to 26, while specializing in the unique physical, social and emotional conditions of their life stages. Dr. Titchen has expertise in trauma-sensitive adolescent reproductive and sexual health (including long-acting reversible contraception, problems with menstruation, and sexual assault/abuse and sex trafficking); health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth; and the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication in preventing HIV infection.
Pediatrics - Complex Care Pediatrics

Bret D. Pickering, MD
Director, Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Complex Care Pediatrics, General Pediatrics

Additional Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Bret D. Pickering, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. His expertise includes caring for medically fragile children with complex health care needs.
Pediatrics - Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics is the evaluation and treatment of developmental, learning or behavioral problems in children and adolescents.

Adam Braddock, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0053

Bio:
Adam Braddock, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their behavioral stages.

Sheila Gahagan, MD, MPH
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0053

Bio:
Sheila Gahagan, MD, MPH, is a board-certified developmental-behavioral pediatrician. Developmental-behavioral pediatricians work with families to evaluate, treat, and coordinate care for children with developmental delays, learning disorders, behavioral or mental health concerns. Dr. Gahagan has a special interest in the evaluation and care of young children with behavioral challenges, children with developmental and behavioral concerns associated with genetic conditions, autism, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

Lauren E. Gist, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0053

Bio:
Lauren Gist, MD, MPH is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in developmental-behavioral pediatrics. Developmental-behavioral pediatricians work with families to evaluate, treat, and coordinate care for children with developmental delays, behavioral issues, learning difficulties or mental health concerns. Dr. Gist has a special interest in the evaluation and care of young children with behavioral challenges, children with developmental and behavioral concerns associated with genetic conditions, autism, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.
Yi Hui Liu, MD, MPH
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 246-0053

Bio:
Yi Hui Liu, MD, MPH is a board-certified developmental-behavioral pediatrician. Developmental-behavioral pediatricians work with families to evaluate, treat, and coordinate care for children with developmental delays, behavioral issues, learning disorders and/or mental health concerns. Dr. Liu has a special interest in the evaluation and care of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorders, anxiety, intellectual disability, and developmental delays. She has extensive experience collaborating with other developmental services, including psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.
Pediatrics - General Pediatrics

Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD
Pediatrician
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
Add'l Language:
Tagalog
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 605-4453

Bio:
Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who treats infants, children and adolescents with a focus on their growth and overall well-being. She enjoys working in teams with specialists, to aid those with special needs/developmental delays and those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes. She is also experienced in both the acute and preventive management of asthma.

Adam Braddock, MD
Pediatrician
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialties:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, General Pediatrics
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 246-0053

Bio:
Adam Braddock, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their behavioral stages.

Eyla Boies, MD
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Eyla Boies, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. Her expertise includes providing lactation consultation, assisting mothers who are experiencing difficulties breastfeeding their newborns.

Robert Coles, MD
Pediatrician
Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4453
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Robert Coles is a board-certified pediatrician with a special interest in newborn care and pediatric dermatology. He believes that prevention is the key to keeping children healthy, and feels this is best achieved by establishing and maintaining a trusting relationship with parents. He strives to practice evidence-based medicine and care for patients with the latest treatment guidelines and recommendations.
Janet Crow, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Janet Crow, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She especially enjoys the relationships with her young patients and caring for them as they grow and change.

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Nancy Graff, MD
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Dr. Graff enjoys caring for children of all ages. Her particular passions are the health of children and youth in foster care and teaching the next generation of pediatricians the importance of community in improving the health of children and their families. "Most of health happens outside of hospitals and doctor's offices. In order to improve the health of children and families, we need to improve the health of our communities and neighborhoods."

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Sabiha Hussain, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Urdu

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 605-4453

Bio:
Sabiha Hussain, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric infectious disease specialist who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages.

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Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for children of all ages. She leads the Pediatric Travel Medicine program, which provides medical advice and vaccinations for children traveling internationally. She also works as a pediatrician for the UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program.
Maya M. Kumar, MD  
Adolescent Medicine/Pediatrics Physician

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  
**Subspecialties:**  
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

**Contact:**  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

**Bio:**  
Maya Kumar, MD, FAAP, FRCPC, is a board-certified pediatrician and adolescent medicine physician who specializes in treating young people ages 10 to 26. She is part of a UC San Diego Health program that allows patients transitioning through adolescence and young adulthood to see a physician who specializes in the unique physical, social and emotional conditions of this life stage.

Breanna (Bree) Lustre, MD  
Pediatrician

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Pediatrics

**Downtown - West F Street**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - Downtown: (619) 541-4787

**Bio:**  
Breanna Lustre, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in breastfeeding support, childhood nutrition and preventive care.

Lawrence Ma, MD  
Primary Care Physician

**Specialties:**  
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Pediatrics  
**Add'l Language:**  
Mandarin

**Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices  
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla**

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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.
Bret D. Pickering, MD
Director, Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialties:
Complex Care Pediatrics, General Pediatrics
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line:: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Bret D. Pickering, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. His expertise includes caring for medically fragile children with complex health care needs.

Vanessa P. Scott, MD
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla
Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla:: (858) 203-4962
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa:: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Vanessa Scott, MD, MS, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and young adults up to age 21. She is especially interested in helping with breastfeeding support, nutrition, preventive care and parenting techniques.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo:: (858) 605-4453
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas:: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. Dr. Shleifer provides newborn, infant and childhood well-checks, sports physicals, sick visits, and manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma and eczema.

Helen C. Wang, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics
Add'l Language:
Mandarin

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa:: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla:: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Helen Wang, MD, is a pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and young adults up to age 21. Her expertise includes working with overweight children to help them and their families develop good lifestyle choices, including following a healthy diet and being physically active.
O. Douglas Wilson, MD
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
O. Douglas Wilson, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and young adults up to age 21. He has experience in child development, pediatric cardiology, and pediatric dermatology.
Pediatrics - Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Erika F. Fernandez, MD**  
Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  

- **Specialty:** Pediatrics  
- **Subspecialty:** Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800  

**Bio:**  
Erika F. Fernandez, MD, is a board-certified neonatologist. She directs UC San Diego Health’s nationally recognized Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which provides specialized and emergency care for babies who are born premature, critically ill, or with complex health conditions.

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**Lawrence (Lance) Prince, MD, PhD**  
Division Chief of Neonatology  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  

- **Specialty:** Pediatrics  
- **Subspecialty:** Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800  

**Bio:**  
Lawrence (Lance) S. Prince, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pediatrician and neonatal-perinatal medicine specialist. Dr. Prince is the Division Chief of Neonatology at the University of California, San Diego and Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego. He has a particular clinical interest in managing and treating neonatal lung diseases, especially bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) in babies born extremely preterm.

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**Krishelle Leong Marc-Aurele, MD**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  

- **Specialty:** Pediatrics  
- **Subspecialty:** Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
- Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800  

**Bio:**  
Krishelle Leong Marc-Aurele, MD, is a board-certified neonatologist who provides specialized and emergency care for babies who are born prematurely, critically ill or with complex health conditions. In addition to caring for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Jacobs Medical Center, she also cares for seriously ill children of all ages in a palliative care clinic at Rady Children’s Hospital.
Pediatrics - Newborn Hospital Care

Pediatric hospitalists care for newborns in the hospital setting only. They may provide care ranging from normal newborn care to emergent stabilization and resuscitation, if necessary. Pediatric Hospitalists also provide parents with advice and guidance about lactation and any other questions they may have regarding their newborn. Learn more about Newborn Care at UC San Diego Health.

Eustratia (Tia) Hubbard, MD, FAAP
Newborn Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Eustratia “Tia” Hubbard, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Hubbard provides comprehensive infant care, incorporating current evidence and clinical guidelines. She especially enjoys assisting new parents with their transition to parenthood.

Kathryn Johnson, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Kathryn Johnson, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Johnson provides care for newborns during their stay in the hospital.
Michelle L. Leff, MD  
Newborn Hospitalist and Pediatrician  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  
**Subspecialty:**  
Newborn Hospital Care  
**Add'l Language:**  
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

**Contact:**  
Registration and Scheduling: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla Pediatrics: (858) 203-4962

**Bio:**  
Michelle L. Leff, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. She also provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their life stages. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Leff meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and breastfeeding help, including frenotomies.

Kirsten Limmer, MD, PhD  
Newborn Hospitalist

**Specialty:**  
Pediatrics  
**Subspecialty:**  
Newborn Hospital Care  
**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**  
Kirsten Limmer, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a physician in the newborn nursery, Dr. Limmer meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and breastfeeding help.

Christopher A. Longhurst, MD, FACMI  
Newborn Hospitalist  
Chief Information Officer  
Associate Chief Medical Officer of Quality and Patient Safety

**Specialty:**  
Pediatrics  
**Subspecialty:**  
Newborn Hospital Care  
**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 203-4962

**Bio:**  
Christopher Longhurst, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, he meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and performing procedures like frenotomy.
Pediatrics - Newborn Hospital Care (cont.)

Richard Silva, MD
Newborn Hospitalist

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5900

Bio:
Richard Silva, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Silva meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests, and reviewing care with families including anticipatory guidance prior to their transition home.

Lisa M. Stellwagen, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Lisa Stellwagen, MD, is a newborn specialist and board-certified pediatrician. She has been a pediatrician for 30 years, both in community and hospital settings, and is the medical director of the Newborn Service at UC San Diego Health. Her clinical expertise includes infant nutrition, breast milk feeding, and medical care of newborns.
Pediatrics - Travel Medicine

Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
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