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La Jolla, CA 92037

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92033

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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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](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

**Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH**
Pediatrician

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

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

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

**Bruce A. Barshop, MD, PhD**
Professor  
**Professor of Clinical Pediatrics**

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7200

**Bio:**
My clinical activities focus on inherited disorders of metabolism, and newborn screening. I direct a diagnostic Clinical Biochemical Genetics laboratory. My research activities include clinical trials, metabolomics and stable isotope kinetics.

**Nadine Benador, MD**
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

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

**Bio:**
My clinical activities focus on inherited disorders of metabolism, and newborn screening. I direct a diagnostic Clinical Biochemical Genetics laboratory. My research activities include clinical trials, metabolomics and stable isotope kinetics.

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

**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](https://health.ucsd.edu), 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.
Pediatrics (cont.)

Lawrence Ma, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, 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.

Yvonne Vaucher, MD
Pediatric Pulmonologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Bio:
Julie Ryu, MD
Pediatric Pulmonologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor

Specialty:
Pediatrics

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

Lori Wan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

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.
Pediatrics - Adolescent Medicine

Maya M. Kumar, MD
Pediatrician/Adolescent Medicine Physician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Maya Kumar, MD, 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 gives teens and their families the option of continuing with their pediatrician or transferring to a doctor that specializes in teenagers' unique physical, social and emotional conditions.
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

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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 infants and toddlers with developmental delay and behavioral concerns. She has particular expertise in infant and toddler regulation disorders (including sleep problems), difficulty feeding, excessive crying and tantrums, attachment disorders, complications of prematurity, and fetal alcohol syndrome. She also cares for many children with autism spectrum disorders and ADHD.
Lauren E. Gist, MD, MPH
Pediatrician

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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 well 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:
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
- Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962

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

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.

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:
- New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
- 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 assisting mothers who are experiencing difficulties breastfeeding their newborns.
Janet Crow, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

Nancy Graff, MD
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

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.

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:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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.
Maya M. Kumar, MD  
Pediatrician/Adolescent Medicine Physician

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

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 496-4800

**Bio:**  
Maya Kumar, MD, 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 gives teens and their families the option of continuing with their pediatrician or transferring to a doctor that specializes in teenagers' unique physical, social and emotional conditions.

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.

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

**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

**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:**
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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.

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.

Jae H. Kim, MD, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

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.
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

**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.

**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:**  
New Patient Registration: (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.

**Kathryn Johnson, MD, FAAP**  
Pediatrician

**Specialty:**  
Pediatrics  

**Subspecialty:**  
Newborn Hospital Care  

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**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.
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.

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 performing procedures like frenotomy.

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

**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.

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

**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, breastfeeding, and medical care of newborns.
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics

Additional Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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