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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 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.

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

Specialty:
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
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Nephrology (Kidney)

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:

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.
Pediatrics (cont.)

**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.

**Julie Ryu, MD**  
Pediatric Pulmonologist  
Professor of Pediatrics  

**Specialty:**  
Pediatrics  

**Jacobs Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Main Line:: (858) 657-7000  

**Bio:**  
Julie Ryu, MD, is a pediatric pulmonologist at UC San Diego Health. She specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory conditions in children. 

**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.

**Yvonne Vaucher, MD**  
Specialty:  
Pediatrics  

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  

**Contact:**  
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Main Line:: (858) 657-7000  

**Bio:**  
Yvonne Vaucher, MD, is a pediatrician at UC San Diego Health. She specializes in the care of newborns and infants, and is dedicated to providing compassionate care for children of all ages.
Lori Wan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

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Contact:
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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
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.
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.
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, behavioral issues, learning difficulties 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.
Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician

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

Downtown - West F Street

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

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 chronic illnesses. She has a large interest in newborn medicine and enjoys being able to guide parents in this transition. She believes that preventative care is paramount to setting children up for a healthy life and establishing good lifelong habits.

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

Lawrence Ma, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

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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.
Pediatrics - General Pediatrics (cont.)

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

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

Contact:
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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.

Helen C. Wang, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Mandarin

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

Specialty:  
Pediatrics  

Subspecialty:  
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  

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  

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.

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

Specialty:  
Pediatrics  

Subspecialty:  
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  

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. 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
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, MS, 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.
Palm Pancreas (cont.)

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

Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

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

Subspecialty:
Newborn Hospital Care

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.
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.
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:
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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.
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