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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
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4510 and 4520 Executive Drive
San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

9333 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92121

9350 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
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

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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

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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

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4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

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9909 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92131

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7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Orthopedics

Orthopedics is the branch of medicine specializing in the treatment of injuries or disorders of the skeletal system including bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Learn more about orthopedics at UC San Diego Health System.

Dana Curtis Covey, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Physician
Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View Road

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

Bio:
Dana Covey, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in sports medicine with an emphasis on knee and shoulder injuries. Dr. Covey sees patients with knee ligament tears and shoulder dislocation.

James H. Flint, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Cancer

Subspecialty:
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
James H. Flint, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating benign and malignant soft-tissue and bone tumors, including sarcoma. He treats adults and young adults over the age of 15.

Paymaneh (Pam) Sabet, DPM
Podiatrist and Wound Care Specialist

Specialties:
Podiatry, Orthopedics

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5969

Bio:
Pam Sabet, DPM, is a podiatrist who specializes in foot and ankle surgery and wound care. Podiatrists, also referred to as foot doctors or podiatric physicians, are specialists who diagnose and treat all conditions of the feet, ankles and legs. Their care also focuses on how the health of these structures impact the rest of the body. Dr. Sabet’s expertise includes treating foot and ankle diseases and their causes, reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, and wound care for diabetic foot ulcers.

Natalie Voskanian, MD
Sports Medicine Physician
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
Armenian, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Natalie Voskanian, MD, is a board-certified sports medicine physician with expertise in the nonsurgical treatment of sports-related injuries and musculoskeletal conditions, including sprains, ligament injuries, tendonitis and overuse injuries such runner’s knee.
Orthopedics - Foot & Ankle

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams’ expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren’s contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Bryan T. Leek, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Bryan Leek, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in caring for sports and upper extremity injuries, including arthroscopy and reconstruction of the knee, shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. He has a particular interest in treating shoulder injuries, performing arthroscopic and open techniques in repair and reconstruction. He performs both anatomic and reverse shoulder arthroplasty. He treats traumatic, overuse, and degenerative injuries, including arthritis of both the upper and lower extremity. Dr. Leek is also trained in trained in microscopic and minimally invasive surgical techniques involving the hand and upper extremity.

Matthew Meunier, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region’s top hand injury experts and serves as associate team physician for the San Diego Padres.
Orthopedics - Hand & Upper Extremity (cont.)

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Rheumatology, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Joint

Scott Taber Ball, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

- **Specialty:** Orthopedics
- **Subspecialty:** Joint
- **Add'l Language:** Spanish

**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**Jacobs Medical Center**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**
**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Scott Ball, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery for both the hip and knee, and salvage reconstruction for failed joint replacements. Using minimally invasive approaches, he helps facilitate reduced complication rates and faster recovery. Dr. Ball has expertise in hip resurfacing surgery, a technique that is used to preserve the hip bone, allowing younger patients with good bone quality to resume high levels of activity in sports such as surfing, skiing, basketball, and running.

Krishna R. Cidambi, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

- **Specialty:** Orthopedics
- **Subspecialty:** Joint
- **Add'l Languages:** Spanish, Tamil

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**Encinitas - Garden View Road**
**La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Krishna R. Cidambi, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and knee replacements. His areas of expertise include anterior total hip replacement (minimally invasive hip replacement), posterior total hip replacement, total knee replacement and partial knee replacement.
Orthopedics - Joint (cont.)

Francis B Gonzales, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialty:
Orthopedics

Subspecialty:
Joint

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Francis Gonzales, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in adult hip and knee joint replacement surgery.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma

David J. Dalstrom, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Foot & Ankle, Orthopedic Trauma
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
David Dalstrom, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating traumatic injuries, degenerative conditions and sports injuries of the foot and ankle.

Paul Joseph Girard, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Specialties:
Surgery, Orthopedics
Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
Paul Girard, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.

William T. Kent, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspeciality:
Orthopedic Trauma
Add'l Language:
Spanish
Jacobs Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Bio:
William Kent, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating fractures related to trauma, sports injuries and fractures around total joint replacements. His clinical practice includes treating fractures of the acetabulum, hip, pelvis, clavicle, humerus, elbow, forearm, femur, tibia, ankle and foot.
Orthopedics - Orthopedic Trauma (cont.)

Alexandra K. Schwartz, MD
Chief, Orthopedic Trauma
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Orthopedic Trauma

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
Jacobs Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6312
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Alexandra Schwartz, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. She specializes in orthopedic trauma and surgery to treat fractured or broken bones, including clavicle, pelvic, foot, ankle, arm, elbow, knee, and shoulder injuries. Dr. Schwartz also cares for patients with complications from these injuries, such as infections and poor-healing or non-healing bones. As an orthopedic traumatologist, she has expertise working in emergency settings and with people whose injuries were caused by accidents or violence.
Orthopedics - Spine

Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialty:**
Orthopedics

**Subspecialty:**
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Richard (Todd) Allen, MD, is board-certified orthopedic surgeon with expertise in complex adult reconstruction procedures for deformity/scoliosis and tumors. He specializes in complex disorders of the upper cervical spine, including tumors and degenerative or post-traumatic conditions.

Steven Robert Garfin, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Interim Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Surgery, Orthopedics

**Subspecialty:**
Spine

La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

**Bio:**
Steven Garfin, MD, is a board-certified and world-renowned orthopedic surgeon specializing in the adult spine. He is consistently elected as a top doctor in San Diego Magazine’s “Physicians of Exceptional Excellence” annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine

**Subspecialties:**
Spine, Sports Medicine

**Add'l Language:**
German

**Location:**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

**Bio:**
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Vinko Zlomislic, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Spine

Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Vinko Zlomislic, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the surgical and nonsurgical management of cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine disorders. His expertise includes treating degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, spinal trauma and infections, and spinal reconstruction for complex spinal deformity and tumors. Dr. Zlomislic emphasizes nonoperative management, recommending surgery only when conservative measures have failed. If surgical treatment is necessary, he uses minimally invasive methods whenever possible.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine

Reid Allen Abrams, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery
Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic and hand surgeon. He is chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Abrams' expertise includes treating severe upper limb trauma; nerve injuries; tendon injuries; arthritis of the elbow wrist and hand; carpal tunnel syndrome; Dupuytren's contracture; as well as fractures and sports injuries of the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.

Douglas Chang, MD, PhD
Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
German

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La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion
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Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Douglas Chang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back/neck pain and other musculoskeletal injuries.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View Road
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and microvascular surgery. His clinical interests include the treatment of post-traumatic, degenerative and developmental conditions of the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, including fracture care, arthroscopy, joint replacement and microsurgical techniques.

Matthew Meunier, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Sports Medicine, Hand & Upper Extremity

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Matthew Meunier, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand, upper extremity and microvascular surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including fractures and dislocations, shoulder injuries, chronic wrist pain, and congenital hand disorders. He is one of the region’s top hand injury experts and serves as associate team physician for the San Diego Padres.
Orthopedics - Sports Medicine (cont.)

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
Chief of Sports Medicine
Orthopedic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Joint, Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Catherine M. Robertson, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in treating injuries of the shoulder, knee and hip. She uses minimally invasive techniques for restoring joint function and to treat complex ligament, tendon, cartilage and meniscus injuries. Dr. Robertson is one of the few physicians in Southern California with specialized training in hip arthroscopy (minimally invasive hip surgery) and uses this advanced technique to treat femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and labral tears of the hip.

Kenneth Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine
Subspecialty:
Sports Medicine
Add'l Language:
Japanese

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Kenneth Vitale, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specializes in sports medicine and sports nutrition. As a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (also known as a physiatrist), Dr. Vitale’s expertise is in guiding individuals with orthopedic conditions through a variety of nonsurgical treatment options.
Rheumatology

Rheumatology is a medical specialization concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic disease; diseases which are usually caused by inflammation, swelling and pain in the joints and muscles. Learn more about [rheumatology](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

**Harry Bluestein, MD**
Rheumatologist

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**
Dr. Bluestein's research interests included the identification and characterization of cell membrane molecules that serve as targets of SLE antibodies and on the role of those antibodies in the pathogenesis of SLE, particularly the neuropsychiatric manifestations. He is now retired as a researcher.

**Arnold Ceponis, MD, PhD**
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Arnold Ceponis, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist with clinical and research interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound. In addition to long-established methods of diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and systemic diseases, Dr. Ceponis uses in-office ultrasonography for diagnosis and ultrasound-guided injections of joints and other musculoskeletal structures.

**Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD**
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Italian

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Nunzio Bottini, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma.

**Soo-In Choi, MD**
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

**Bio:**
Soo Choi, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout and lupus.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Gary S. Firestein, MD
Rheumatologist
Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research

Specialty:
Rheumatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Gary Firestein, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who diagnoses and treats patients with autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones. These conditions may include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout, chronic back pain, tendinitis, and lupus.

Monica Guma, MD, PhD
Rheumatologist

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Monica Guma, MD, PhD, is a rheumatologist who treats a variety of musculoskeletal diseases and autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis.

Mark Ginsberg, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Mark Ginsberg, MD is a rheumatologist with who diagnoses and treats chronic musculoskeletal and systemic autoimmune conditions. He offers nonsurgical treatment for diseases such as osteoarthritis, gout and rheumatoid arthritis.

Bonnie Hepburn, MD

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Dr. Hepburn received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.
Rheumatology (cont.)

Kenneth Kalunian, MD
Professor of Clinical Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**
Dr. Kenneth Kalunian is the Associate Director of the Center for Innovative Therapy and also a Professor in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology in the School of Medicine at UC San Diego.

Susan J Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Korean

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**Bio:**
In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lee is actively involved in numerous clinical research as well as outcomes research.

Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

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Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
Rheumatologist, Clinical Immunologist

Gregory D. Middleton, MD
Rheumatologist
Professor of Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

**Specialties:**
Rheumatology, Orthopedics

**Subspecialty:**
Hand & Upper Extremity

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Encinitas - Garden View Road
La Jolla - Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion

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**Bio:**
Gregory D. Middleton, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who specializes in the nonsurgical care of patients with joint and muscle pain, particularly those with rheumatic disorders such as osteoarthritis. He takes a comprehensive approach to treating arthritis, pain and autoimmune diseases, and strives to help patients maintain a satisfying and active lifestyle.
Katherine Nguyen, MD
Rheumatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Vietnamese

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
**La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6248
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-6110

**Bio:**
Katherine Nguyen, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist who treats general rheumatology conditions, with a special focus on treating the autoimmune diseases Sjögren's syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Abha G. Singh, MD
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Languages:**
Hindi, Punjabi

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**Bio:**
Abha Singh, MD, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions as well as diseases of the joints, muscles and bones, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis, myositis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), vasculitis, gout, polymyalgia rheumatica, and osteoarthritis.

Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS
Rheumatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Specialty:**
Rheumatology

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Hillcrest - Medical Offices South**
**Encinitas - Garden View Road**

**Contact:**
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Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 536-7300

**Bio:**
Brian A. Pedersen, MBBS, is a board-certified rheumatologist. He diagnoses and treats autoimmune conditions and musculoskeletal diseases that affect the joints, muscles, connective tissue and bones. This may include conditions such as back pain and muscle strains, and diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and lupus.
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