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Occupational/Environmental Medicine

UC San Diego Health’s Occupational and Environmental Medicine provides the San Diego area with a full range of services for prevention and compliance assistance; work injury treatment and management; blood borne pathogen exposure; vaccinations; and case coordination. Learn more about occupational and environmental medicine at UC San Diego Health.

Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH
Occupational Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
Marcia Isakari, MD, MPH, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician. She has extensive clinical and leadership experience directing occupational medicine clinics and delivering clinical services to employers in virtually all industrial sectors, including biotech/life sciences/technology, public entity, and manufacturing.

John C. Kim, MD
Physician, Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine

Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 471-9210

Bio:
John C. Kim, MD, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician who specializes in treating and managing work-related injuries, illnesses and diseases.

Michele Kowalski-McGraw, MD, MPH
Occupational Medicine Physician

Specialty:
Occupational/Environmental Medicine

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-4228

Bio:
Michele Kowalski-McGraw, MD, MPH, is a board-certified occupational medicine physician. Her expertise is in restoring and maintaining the health of diverse working populations, including those in healthcare, service, manufacturing, distribution and technology.
Sports Medicine

Sports medicine is the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment of injuries or illnesses from athletic activities. Learn more about sports medicine at UC San Diego Health.

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.

Suraj A. Achar, MD, FAAFP
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr.: (844) 377-7678

Bio:
Suraj A. Achar, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. His expertise includes diagnosing, treating, and preventing injuries associated with athletics. He is highly experienced in ultrasound-guided diagnostics and procedures. Dr. Achar also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

David E.J. Bazzo, MD
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine
Add'l Languages:
Italian, Spanish

Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
David E.J. Bazzo, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. Dr. Bazzo's expertise includes diagnosing, treating and preventing injuries associated with athletics. He also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Currently, he sees patients for sports injuries through referral.

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

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 - 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.

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
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

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.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

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.

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.

Amelia Eastman, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6035
Direct Clinic Line: (844) 747-0474

Bio:
Amelia Eastman, DO, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who meets with patients at different types of UC San Diego Health clinics to help with pain issues and rehabilitation. She uses a hands-on approach to diagnose injury and illness and encourage the body’s natural tendency for good health.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

**William T. Kent, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

- **Specialties:** Orthopedics, Sports Medicine
- **Subspecialty:** Orthopedic Trauma
- **Add'l Language:** Spanish

**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.

**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 treating 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 trained in microscopic and minimally invasive surgical techniques involving the hand and upper extremity.
Amy Leu, DO
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

Additional Language:
Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
Amy Leu, DO, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. Her expertise includes diagnosing, treating and preventing injuries associated with athletics, including acute and stress fractures, sprains and overuse injuries. She also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.

Sarah Merrill, MD
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Additional Language:
Spanish

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7750
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8200

Bio:
Sarah Merrill, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. In addition to diagnosing and treating injuries associated with athletics, Dr. Merrill provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. She also has a special interest in rehabilitating individuals with yoga injuries, as well as performing ultrasound guided diagnostics and procedures.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

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 an associate team physician for the San Diego Padres. He was a consultant physician for the San Diego Chargers.

Richard Parker, DO
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist

Affiliated Provider

Specialties:
Primary Care, Sports Medicine

College Area - 6699 Alvarado Rd

Contact:

Bio:
Richard Parker, DO, is a board-certified physician providing primary care through the San Diego Sports Medicine & Family Health Center. He is a member of UC San Diego Health Physician Network.

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.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

Alan Shahtaji, DO
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Scripps Ranch - 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600

Bio:
Alan Shahtaji, DO, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. He directs UC San Diego Health's Sports Concussion Clinic, which offers comprehensive care for concussion assessment and management. As an osteopathic physician, Dr. Shahtaji has a whole-body approach to medicine. His areas of expertise include musculoskeletal ultrasound, fracture management, osteopathic manual medicine for sports injuries, and treating non-operative orthopedic problems; as well as a special interest in exercise and nutrition.

Kenneth S. Taylor, MD
Primary Care Physician and Sports Medicine Specialist
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health

Specialties:
Primary Care, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 9333 Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8600

Bio:
Kenneth S. Taylor, MD, is a board-certified family medicine doctor who specializes in sports medicine. His expertise includes diagnosing, treating, and preventing athletic injuries. Dr. Taylor has a particular interest in using musculoskeletal ultrasound to perform diagnostic and therapeutic treatments. He also provides primary care for patients of all ages, including preventive care and treatment of acute and chronic diseases.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

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.

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.
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