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UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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**Patient Access**

**Request an Appointment**
Whether you’re looking for a primary care physician (PCP), need a specialist for treatment or are seeking a second opinion, you can make an appointment by following the steps below:

- **New Patients (who have never seen a UC San Diego Health provider)**
  To register as a new patient and schedule an appointment, call **800-926-8273**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Current Patients**
  Contact your physician’s office directly to schedule an appointment or call the main switchboard number, **858-657-7000**, and ask to be transferred to your physician’s office.

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**Referring Physician Access**

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**Consultations**
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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 System.

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

Specialties:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

Bio:
Reid Abrams, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and hand surgeon who provides care to diminish pain and restore function in the hand, wrist, forearm and elbow. He also serves as chief of Hand and Microvascular Surgery and vice chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He has expertise in treating bone and soft-tissue conditions including carpal tunnel syndrome, Dupuytren’s contracture, injuries to tendons, nerves, ligaments and bones, sports injuries, benign and malignant tumors, and arthritis.

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, Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - Genesee Avenue
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

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, Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
Italian, Spanish

Scripps Ranch - 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, Sports Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Subspecialties:
Spine, Sports Medicine

Add'l Language:
German

Encinitas - Garden View
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

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.

Jeffrey Chen, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

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

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

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

Bio:
Jeffrey L. Chen, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who subspecializes in pain management. As a pain management specialist, Dr. Chen evaluates, diagnoses and treats all forms of acute and chronic pain. His expertise includes conservative treatment of low back and neck pain, non-surgical orthopedic conditions and sports injuries.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

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

Specialties:  
Sports Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery

Encinitas - Garden View

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.

Eric Hentzen, MD, PhD  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Specialties:  
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

Subspecialties:  
Hand & Upper Extremity, Sports Medicine

Add'l Languages:  
German, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

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

Bio:  
Dr. Hentzen, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, 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 - 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

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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:
Orthopedics, Sports Medicine

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.
Sports Medicine (cont.)

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, Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

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, Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

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

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 - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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.

Catherine M. Robertson, MD
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,
Pediatrics

La Jolla - Genesee Avenue
Hillcrest - 4th & Lewis Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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 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, Pediatrics

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 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 special 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 C. Vitale, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

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

**Add'l Language:**
Japanese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Encinitas - Garden View

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

**Bio:**
Kenneth C. Vitale, MD, is a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who subspecializes in sports medicine. Physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists, also called physiatrists, help restore function in individuals who have impaired physical ability as a result of injury or illness.

Natalie Voskanian, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor

**Specialty:**
Sports Medicine

**Add'l Languages:**
Armenian, Spanish

Encinitas - Garden View
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

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

**Bio:**
Dr. Voskanian sees patients in La Jolla and Encinitas. Call 844.377.7678 to schedule an appointment.
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