UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

Our physicians are recognized leaders in their professional societies, heading national organizations and committees dedicated to improving care and advancing knowledge about disease. They are prominently listed in publications such as America’s Top Doctors and *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings of outstanding physicians and clinical programs.

Patient Access

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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.

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  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: [doctors.ucsd.edu](http://doctors.ucsd.edu).

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For hospital-to-hospital transfers, call **619-543-5709** (24-hour service) for instructions or to speak to a transfer coordinator.

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If you need to talk with one of our physicians about a case or if you have any problems or concerns, please contact us at **855-543-0555** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We want to hear from you.

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Call Physician Access at **855-543-0555** or fax **888-539-8781** and our team will register and schedule your referred patient. You will receive follow-up communication (consultation notes, discharges, etc.), as well as access to our electronic medical record system, UCSD Link.
Locations

La Jolla
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
8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037
9350 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037
Shiley Eye Institute
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
9434 Medical Center Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
Jacobs Medical Center
9300 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Hillcrest
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

Encinitas
1200 Garden View Road
Encinitas, CA 92024
477 North El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024

Vista
910 Sycamore Avenue
Vista, CA 92081

Scripps Ranch
9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92131

Kearny Mesa
7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123
Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
3020 Children’s Way
San Diego, CA 92123
Chula Vista
959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914
Temecula
31720 Temecula Parkway
Temecula, CA 92952
Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121
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HIV/AIDS

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which kills or impairs cells of the immune system and progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers. Learn more about HIV/AIDS Care at UC San Diego Health.

Shira Abeles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995
Direct Clinic Line - Infectious Disease: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Shira Abeles, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist and medical director of Antimicrobial Stewardship at UC San Diego Health. She cares for patients with general infectious disease as well as people with HIV. She is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Constance A Benson, MD
Senior Attending Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Dr. Benson is Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Benson received her MD degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1978, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical College in Chicago in 1986, after serving three years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as an internist.

Jennifer (Gigi) Blanchard, MD
Associate Clinical Professor, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Jill S. Blumenthal, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Jill Blumenthal, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for children, teens, and adults with HIV and AIDS. She has expertise in caring for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals seeking hormone replacement therapy and other supportive care. She also has extensive experience in HIV prevention using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV-uninfected individuals. Dr. Blumenthal cares for people at the UC San Diego Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program and UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.

Ronald Joseph Ellis, MD, PhD
Neurologist
Professor of Neurosciences

Specialties:
Neurology, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices North
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3500
Direct Clinic Line - Owen Clinic: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Ronald J. Ellis, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in adult neurological diagnosis and treatment for patients with HIV or AIDS. He is the only specialist in the neurology of HIV/AIDS in the San Diego area and also receives referrals from throughout California.

Edward R. Cachay, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
HIV/AIDS, Infectious Diseases

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Edward Cachay, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. He is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women.

Ankita Kadakia, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Gujarati, Hindi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

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

Bio:
Ankita Kadakia, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine and infectious disease physician. She provides primary care, including preventative care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases for adults with HIV and AIDS. Dr. Kadakia cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Maile Young Karris, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
HIV/AIDS Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Maile Young Karris, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease physician who specializes in caring for individuals with HIV. She is a part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women. Her clinical practice includes caring for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV and helping individuals living with HIV age successfully. Dr. Karris has expertise in non-HIV associated infections in individuals with HIV and in preventing HIV infection (pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP).

Daniel Lee, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Dr. Daniel Lee is one of several physicians working at the Owen Clinic, providing specialized health care to those infected with HIV. Along with his board certification in Internal Medicine, the American Academy of HIV Medicine also credentials Dr. Lee as a HIV specialist. He established the Lipid/Lipodystrophy Clinic to address the issues of long term metabolic complications often associated with therapies for HIV. In addition, he also performs research in these areas.

Theodoros F. Katsivas, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Owen Clinic

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
Greek, Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Dr. Theo Katsivas is trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He also trained as a Fellow in HIV disease at the UC San Diego Owen Clinic. His interests focus on HIV patient care and addiction medicine.

Scott Letendre, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Scott Letendre, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who cares for people at UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of America's top HIV care programs. He also provides consultation and care for patients staying in the hospital for infectious diseases.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Cathy Logan, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Cathy Logan, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and an expert in HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.

Joseph Lonergan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Joseph Lonergan, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who provides primary care and specialized HIV care to people living with HIV/AIDS. He also sees patients at risk for HIV infection who are interested in pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Dr. Lonergan is part of UC San Diego Health's Owen Clinic, one of the nation's outstanding primary care centers for HIV positive men and women, and has been caring for patients at the Owen Clinic for more than 20 years.

William Christopher Mathews, MD
Director of Research Infrastructure, Owen Clinic
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Since the onset of the AIDS epidemic, Dr. Mathews has served on many local, state, and national committees which address legal, political, and medical issues in HIV infection. His appointments include founding president of the San Diego Association of Human Rights, the local organization of gay and lesbian physicians, as well as memberships on the San Diego Regional Task Force on AIDS, The Ryan White Act Planning Council, the San Diego County Medical Society AIDS committee, the State of California Attorney General's AIDS Fraud Task Force, the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation AIDS Health Services Program, and the American Association of Medical College's Committee on AIDS and the Academic Medical Center.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Erin Reid, MD
Hematologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hematology/Blood Diseases, Cancer, HIV/AIDS

Subspecialties:
Leukemia & Lymphoma, Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue)

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Fax: (858) 822-6212
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Erin Reid, MD, is a board-certified hematologist who specializes in treating patients with a wide range of hematologic and HIV-related malignancies, including lymphoma and Kaposi sarcoma. She sees patients at both Moores Cancer Center and the Owen Clinic, a comprehensive HIV care center.

Francesca Torriani, MD
Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Add'l Languages:
French, German, Italian, Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Francesca J. Torriani, MD, is a Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Torriani received her medical degree in 1985 from the University Medical School in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1995, Dr. Torriani joined UC San Diego Health after completing a fellowship in infectious diseases.

Gabriel A. Wagner, MD
AIDS/HIV Specialist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3995

Bio:
Gabriel Wagner, MD, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who cares for adults with HIV and AIDS. He treats individuals at all stages of HIV disease and helps monitor and manage their health.
HIV/AIDS (cont.)

Darcy A. Wooten, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Infectious Disease Specialist

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
Darcy A. Wooten, MD, is an infectious disease specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, among others. Dr. Wooten provides primary care for adults with HIV and specialized care and treatment for patients with hepatitis C virus (HCV). She also has expertise in general infectious diseases, including infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs, and bones.

David L. Wyles, MD
Infectious Disease Specialist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6146

Bio:
David L. Wyles, MD, is an infectious disease specialist and hepatitis C (HCV) infection and treatment expert. Infectious disease specialists care for patients with infections or diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites. These include hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis, influenza, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other infections of the sinuses, heart, brain, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urinary tract, pelvic organs and bones.
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 System.

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: (619) 543-7800

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.

Leah M. Bruno, MD
Primary Care Physician

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:
Leah Bruno, MD, is an internist who provides primary care to adults, including preventive care, and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Her practice includes the care of children and she has a special interest in adolescent medicine, providing care for teens and older young adults who may consider transitioning to an adult primary care doctor.

Pamela Borja-Del Rosario, MD
Neonatal Hospitalist

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Pamela Borja-Del Rosario, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, she provides care to babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, including infants in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) who may be born premature, critically ill, or with complex health conditions.

Eustratia (Tia) Hubbard, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Dr. Hubbard is a general pediatrician and newborn hospitalist. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine.
Pediatrics (cont.)

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.

Michelle L. Leff, MD
Newborn Hospitalist and Pediatrician
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatrics, Primary 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.

Christopher A. Longhurst, MD, FACMI
Newborn Hospitalist
Chief Information Officer

Specialty: Pediatrics

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 such as circumcision and frenotomy.
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.

Lisa M. Stellwagen, MD, FAAP  
Pediatrician  
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty: Pediatrics  
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.

Yvonne Vaucher, MD  

Specialty: Pediatrics

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

Lori Wan, MD
Primary Care Physician
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

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.

**Karen Loper, MD**
Pediatrician/Adolescent Medicine Physician

**Specialties:**
Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Subspecialties:**
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

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

**Bio:**
Karen Loper, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician 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 and mental conditions.
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

**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

**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: (800) 926-8273  

**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: (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  

**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.

**Robert Coles, MD**  
Pediatrician  

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  
**Subspecialty:**  
General Pediatrics  

**Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon**  

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

**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:**
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:**
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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

**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.

Karen Loper, MD
Pediatrician/Adolescent Medicine Physician

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

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
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Bio:
Karen Loper, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician 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 and mental conditions.

Breanna (Bree) Lustre, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

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:
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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 - General Pediatrics (cont.)

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

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

Bio:
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a pediatrician who provides compassionate, evidence-based primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. He has a special interest in newborn care and helping parents with their infant care questions and concerns. Dr. Shleifer also provides well-check and sick visits, treats injuries; manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma, eczema (atopic dermatitis); and treats certain behavioral health conditions, such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Helen C. Wang, MD
Pediatrician

Specialty:
Pediatrics
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.

Lindia J Willies-Jacobo, MD, FAAP
Clinical 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:
Dr. Willies-Jacobo is currently only accepting UC San Diego Health newborns and siblings of established patients.

O. Douglas Wilson, MD
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

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La Jolla - 8910 Villa La Jolla

Contact:
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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.
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.

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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  
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**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.

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Jae H. Kim, MD, PhD  
Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics  
Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Program Director  
Nutrition Medical Director, Supporting Premature Infant Nutrition Program  

**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:**  
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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 - Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (cont.)

Evan Snyder, MD, PhD
Professor, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute
Director, Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology Program

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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**Bio:**
Dr. Snyder earned his MD and his PhD in neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980. He completed residencies in pediatrics and neurology at Children's Hospital-Boston, Harvard Medical School and postdoctoral research at Harvard Medical School.
Pediatrics - Travel Medicine

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

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Bio:
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides
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traveling internationally.
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