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

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8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Orthopedics Urgent Care
Sports Medicine
4520 Executive Drive, Suite Plaza 1
San Diego, CA 92121

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 92037

Moores Cancer Center
3855 Health Sciences Drive
La Jolla, CA 92039

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

Hillcrest

Hillcrest Emergency
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

Encinitas

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

Sorrento Valley

4910 Directors Place
San Diego, CA 92121

Scripps Ranch

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

Kearny Mesa

7910 Frost Street
San Diego, CA 92123

Chula Vista

959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

Temecula

31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
Locations

- Rancho Bernardo
- La Jolla
- Scripps Ranch
- Sorrento Valley
- Encinitas
- Temecula
- Kearny Mesa
- Chula Vista
- College Area
- Hillcrest
- Downtown
- Vista
- Rancho Bernardo
- La Jolla
- Scripps Ranch
- Sorrento Valley
- Encinitas
- Temecula
- Kearny Mesa
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Pediatrics

Pediatrics is the branch of medicine concerned with children’s health and the prevention and treatment of illnesses in children. Learn more about [pediatrics](https://health.ucsd.edu) at UC San Diego Health System.

### Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH

**Pediatrician**

**Specialties:**
- Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Add'l Language:**
- Farsi

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

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

**Bio:**
Shirin Alonzo, MD, MPH, is board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their developmental stages. She has a special interest in caring for children who have medically fragile or special needs.

### Bruce A. Barshop, MD, PhD

**Professor**

**Professor of Clinical Pediatrics**

**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.

### Nadine Benador, MD

**Assistant Clinical Professor**

**Specialty:**
- Pediatrics

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

### Daniel Edward Lee, MD, PhD

**Anesthesiologist and Pediatric Intensivist**

**Professor of Anesthesiology and 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](https://health.ucsd.edu), 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.
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 part of UC San Diego Health’s pediatric 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.

Yvonne Vaucher, MD
Specialty:
Pediatrics

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

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

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.

Julie Ryu, MD
Pediatric Pulmonologist
Assistant Adjunct Professor

Specialty:
Pediatrics

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Pediatrics - Adolescent Medicine

**Maya M. Kumar, MD**  
Pediatrician/Adolescent Medicine Physician  

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  

**Subspecialties:**  
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics  

**Location:**  
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.

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

**Specialties:**  
Pediatrics, Primary Care  

**Subspecialties:**  
Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics  

**Additional Language:**  
Spanish  

**Location:**  
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  
**Pediatrician**

**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

**Kearny Mesa - Frost Street**

**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.
Tamantha (Tami) Arlata, MD
Pediatrician

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

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 605-4452

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 - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962

Bio:
Adam Braddock, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children, and adolescents through all of their behavioral stages.

Eyla Boies, MD
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty: General Pediatrics

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

Contact:
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
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Robert Coles is a board-certified pediatrician with a special interest in newborn care and pediatric dermatology. He believes that prevention is the key to keeping children healthy, and feels this is best achieved by establishing and maintaining a trusting relationship with parents. He strives to practice evidence-based medicine and care for patients with the latest treatment guidelines and recommendations.
Janet Crow, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

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

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
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.

Sabiha Hussain, MD
Pediatrician

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

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 605-4452

Bio:
Sabiha Hussain, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric infectious disease specialist who provides primary care for infants, children and adolescents through all of their developmental stages.

Nancy Graff, MD
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

Bio:
Dr. Graff enjoys caring for children of all ages. Her particular passions are the health of children and youth in foster care and teaching the next generation of pediatricians the importance of community in improving the health of children and their families. "Most of health happens outside of hospitals and doctor's offices. In order to improve the health of children and families, we need to improve the health of our communities and neighborhoods."

Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics
Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

Bio:
Karen Loper, 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.

Breanna (Bree) Lustre, MD  
Pediatrician

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

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

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

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:
- 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.
Vanessa P. Scott, MD
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

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

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 203-4962
Direct Clinic Line - Kearny Mesa: (858) 496-4800

Bio:
Vanessa Scott, MD, MS, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care for infants, children and young adults up to age 21. She is especially interested in helping with breastfeeding support, nutrition, preventive care and parenting techniques.

Benjamin Shleifer, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
Subspecialty:
General Pediatrics

Rancho Bernardo - Via Tazon
Encinitas - Encinitas Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Rancho Bernardo: (858) 605-4452
Direct Clinic Line - Encinitas: (760) 452-7966

Bio:
Benjamin Shleifer, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who provides primary care to newborns and children up to age 18. Dr. Shleifer provides newborn, infant and childhood well-checks, sports physicals, sick visits, and manages chronic pediatric conditions such as asthma and eczema.

Helen C. Wang, MD
Pediatrician

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care
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.

O. Douglas Wilson, MD
Pediatrician
Professor of Pediatrics

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:
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.

Jae H. Kim, MD, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
UC San Diego Health Links

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
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5800

Bio:
Krishelle Leong Marc-Aurele, MD, is a board-certified neonatologist who provides specialized and emergency care for babies who are born prematurely, critically ill or with complex health conditions. In addition to caring for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Jacobs Medical Center, she also cares for seriously ill children of all ages in a palliative care clinic at Rady Children’s Hospital.

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

Specialty:
Pediatrics
Subspecialty:
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

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 - Newborn Hospital Care

Pediatric hospitalists care for newborns in the hospital setting only. They may provide care ranging from normal newborn care to emergent stabilization and resuscitation, if necessary. Pediatric Hospitalists also provide parents with advice and guidance about lactation and any other questions they may have regarding their newborn. Learn more about Newborn Care at UC San Diego Health.

**Eustratia (Tia) Hubbard, MD, FAAP**
Newborn Hospitalist
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Newborn Hospital Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Eustratia “Tia” Hubbard, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Hubbard provides comprehensive infant care, incorporating current evidence and clinical guidelines. She especially enjoys assisting new parents with their transition to parenthood.

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

**Specialties:**
Pediatrics, Primary Care

**Subspecialty:**
Newborn Hospital Care

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Jacobs Medical Center**

**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.

**Kathryn Johnson, MD, FAAP**
Pediatrician

**Specialty:**
Pediatrics

**Subspecialty:**
Newborn Hospital Care

**Jacobs Medical Center**

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

**Bio:**
Kathryn Johnson, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Johnson provides care for newborns during their stay in the hospital.
Pediatrics - Newborn Hospital Care (cont.)

Kirsten Limmer, MD, PhD
Newborn Hospitalist

Specialty: Pediatrics
Subspecialty: Newborn Hospital Care

Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Kirsten Limmer, MD, PhD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a physician in the newborn nursery, Dr. Limmer meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay in the hospital, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests and breastfeeding help.

Richard Silva, MD
Newborn Hospitalist

Specialty: Pediatrics
Subspecialty: Newborn Hospital Care

Add'l Language: Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 249-5900

Bio:
Richard Silva, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns. As a newborn hospitalist, Dr. Silva meets with parents and their babies during their postpartum stay, providing daily care to infants. This care includes newborn examinations, screening tests, and performing procedures like frenotomy.

Christopher A. Longhurst, MD, FACMI
Newborn Hospitalist
Chief Information Officer
Associate Chief Medical Officer of Quality and Patient Safety

Specialty: Pediatrics
Subspecialty: Newborn Hospital Care

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 like frenotomy.

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

Specialty: Pediatrics
Subspecialty: Newborn Hospital Care
Add'l Language: Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center

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

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, breastmilk feeding, and medical care of newborns.
Leah D. Kern, MD, MPH
Pediatrician
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties:
Pediatrics, Primary Care

Subspecialties:
Travel Medicine, General Pediatrics

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

Kearny Mesa - Frost Street

Contact:
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.
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric)

Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric) makes changes to your digestive system to help you lose weight by limiting how much you can eat or reducing the absorption of nutrients, or both. Learn more about weight-loss surgery (bariatric) at UC San Diego Health System.

Joslin Cheverie, MD
Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine
Subspecialty:
Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Joslin Cheverie, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgeries including bariatric procedures performed on the stomach or intestines to contribute to weight loss.

Santiago Horgan, MD
Surgeon
Professor of Surgery
Director, Center for the Future of Surgery

Specialties:
Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Surgery, Cancer, Obesity Medicine
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
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Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Santiago Horgan, MD, is an internationally recognized expert in esophageal disease, weight-loss surgery, minimally invasive surgery and new technologies and approaches for surgery. He performs a variety of weight-loss procedures including gastric sleeve, gastric plication, gastric bypass, and revisional weight-loss surgeries.

Eduardo Grunvald, MD
Obesity Medicine Physician
Medical Director, Weight Management Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Obesity Medicine, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric)

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Eduardo Grunvald, MD, is a board-certified obesity medicine physician. As part of UC San Diego Health's bariatric surgery team, Dr. Grunvald evaluates and manages patients before and after surgery, and helps people long-term with their health and weight loss journey. He also directs the weight management program, which includes nutrition, behavior, and lifestyle support.
Garth Ross Jacobsen, MD
Director, Hernia Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery (Bariatric), Obesity Medicine

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8860

Bio:
Garth Jacobsen, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in hernia surgery and repairing abdominal wall defects. He has expertise in both traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Dr. Jacobsen's approach considers each patient as an individual. He works with each person to develop the best repair or surgical plan available.
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