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

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.

→ **Find a Doctor**

  To use our physician search website to find a physician by name or to search for a specialist, visit: doctors.ucsd.edu.

Referring Physician Access

Transfer a Patient

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

Consultations

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.

Refer Your Patient

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.

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Rick A. Friedman, MD, PhD
Neurotologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Moores Cancer Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices: (858) 657-8590
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6100

Bio:
Rick Friedman, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. He is a world-renowned expert in the treatment of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumor that develops on the main nerve connecting the ear to the brain. In addition to leading the acoustic neuroma program at UC San Diego Health, he also treats meningioma, neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2), glomus tumors, hearing impairment, otosclerosis, Meniere’s disease, cholesteatoma, and chronic ear infections.

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, PhD
Division Chief, Otolaryngology
Distinguished Professor

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Facial Nerve Disorders, Hearing & Balance Disorders

Add'l Language:
French

Bio:
Dr. Harris is a neuro-otologic surgeon who deals with disorders of the ear, hearing and balance, and tumors that affect the skull base.
Elina Kari, MD
Neurotologist
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialty:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology)

Subspecialties:
General Otolaryngology (ENT), Hearing & Balance Disorders, Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery

Add'l Languages:
Portuguese, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Elina Kari, MD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon and neurotologist, a specialist who treats neurological disorders of the ear. Dr. Kari's expertise includes treating ear and hearing problems in adults and children, and conditions such as ear infections, perforated eardrums (tympanic membrane perforations), cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, lateral skull base lesions and acoustic neuroma. In addition, she evaluates patients for cochlear implants, osseointegrated hearing devices and auditory brainstem implants.

Quyen Nguyen, MD, PhD
Otolaryngologist
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
ENT/Head and Neck (Otolaryngology), Surgery

Subspecialties:
Otology & Neurotology / Skull-Base Surgery, Hearing & Balance Disorders, Facial Nerve Disorders

Add'l Languages:
French, Vietnamese

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8590

Bio:
Quyen T. Nguyen, MD, PhD, is a board-certified head and neck surgeon who specializes in neurotology, or the management of diseases of the inner ear, temporal bone, and skull base, including tumors and other conditions. Her main focus is in cochlear implants for hearing restoration and facial nerve surgery.
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