UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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## Locations

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  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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Endocrinology

Endocrinology is the medical specialty focused on diseases of the endocrine system, including diabetes, thyroid and pituitary disorders. Learn more about endocrinology and diabetes at UC San Diego Health System.

Schafer Boeder, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303

Bio:
Schafer Boeder, MD, is an endocrinologist who diagnoses and treats people with a variety of endocrine conditions. He has a particular interest in diabetes and is a member of the inpatient glycemic control team, where he works with patients to monitor glucose levels, adjust insulin dosages, and maintain long-term glucose control at home.

Steven Victor Edelman, MD
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Languages:
German, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Please note that Dr. Edelman is not a Primary Care Physician

Charles H. Choe, MD
Clinical Service Chief - Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Charlie Choe, MD, is a board certified endocrinologist. He also holds an active Endocrine Certification in Neck Ultrasound from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists for performing ultrasound and ultrasound-guided biopsies for patients with thyroid nodules and cancer.

Heather L. Hofflich, DO
Endocrinologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Primary Care

La Jolla - 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8000
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Heather L. Hofflich, DO, is a board-certified endocrinologist and internist. She provides endocrinology and primary care for adults, including preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. Dr. Hofflich is consistently named a "Top Doc" in San Diego Magazine's "Physicians of Exceptional Excellence" annual survey performed in collaboration with the San Diego County Medical Society.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Karl Y. Hostetler, MD  
Specialty:  
Endocrinology  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Christopher J. Hupfeld, MD  
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine  
Specialty:  
Endocrinology  
Encinitas - Garden View  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 479-5370

Patricia S. Juang, MD  
Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor  
Specialty:  
Endocrinology  
Add'l Language:  
Chinese  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Deborah Kado, MD  
Bone Health Specialist  
Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health  
Specialties:  
Endocrinology, Senior Medicine  
Add'l Language:  
Spanish  
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:  
Deborah Kado, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine doctor who specializes in caring for the elderly. Specifically, Dr. Kado’s expertise is in evaluating and treating osteoporosis. She directs the osteoporosis program at UC San Diego Health and sees patients in the Endocrinology outpatient clinic in La Jolla.
Endocrinology (cont.)

Kristen Kulasa, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Kristen Kulasa, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes. Dr. Kulasa serves as director of inpatient glycemic control - working to ensure that people who are in the hospital have optimal blood sugar levels during their stay. She oversees the clinical diabetes nurse educators on staff.

Karen McCowen, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Karen McCowen, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She has a special interest in the management of diabetes in pregnancy, technologies for managing type 1 diabetes, thyroid biopsy and thyroid cancer, and pituitary and adrenal diseases.

Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-1636

Bio:
Tricia Santos Cavaiola, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist. She specializes in treating patients with many types of endocrine disorders, including diabetes and thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and pituitary diseases.
Urology

Urology is the branch of medicine and physiology concerned with the function and disorders of the urinary system — specifically the urinary tract in women and the urogenital system in men. Learn more about urology at UC San Diego Health System.

Philip C. Bosch, MD  
Urologist  
Assistant Professor of Urology  
Specialty:  
Urology  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-3572  
Bio:  
Philip C. Bosch, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome (IC/BPS). IC/BPS is a chronic urinary bladder disease characterized by increased urinary frequency, urgency, and/or pelvic pain.

C. Lowell Parsons, MD  
Urologist  
Professor of Urology  
Specialties:  
Urology, Surgery  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  
Bio:  
C. Lowell Parsons, MD, is a board-certified urologist who diagnoses and treats all urologic disorders, and specializes in caring for patients who have interstitial cystitis (IC). Internationally recognized as a leading physician and researcher in IC, he has developed major new diagnostic tools and treatments for the disease and has published over 225 medical journal articles and textbook chapters. Health care professionals from around the world have visited his clinic and attended his lectures to learn the latest techniques for detecting and treating IC.

Jill Buckley, MD  
Urologist  
Associate Professor of Urology  
Specialties:  
Urology, Surgery  
La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive  
Jacobs Medical Center  
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  
Bio:  
Jill Buckley, MD, is a board-certified urologic trauma reconstruction surgeon. She has a special interest in caring for patients who have complex urinary conditions including urethral stricture, hypospadias and benign prostate hyperplasia, as well as individuals who have complications in the genitourinary area as a result of trauma or prostate cancer treatment.

Jason Woo, MD  
Urologist  
Assistant Professor of Urology  
Specialties:  
Urology, Surgery  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North  
Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876  
Bio:  
Jason Woo, MD, is a urologist who provides medical and surgical treatment for a wide range of urologic problems in men and women. His clinical interests include general urology, prostate disease, urologic cancers and stones in the urinary tract.
Urology - Incontinence

Michael E. Albo, MD
Co-Director, Women's Pelvic Medicine Center
Vice Chair, Department of Urology
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Language:
Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8737
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Michael E. Albo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in voiding dysfunction, urinary incontinence, urodynamics, female urology, pelvic floor reconstruction, and urogenital conditions caused by neurologic disorders. Dr. Albo's expertise includes performing pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries in both women and men; surgery for urinary incontinence; neuromodulation; and botulinum toxin (Botox) injections. He is also trained in a wide variety of medical and surgical techniques to manage voiding disorders and prostate disorders in men.

Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Incontinence, Urogynecology

Add'l Languages:
French, Spanish

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
Urology - Kidney Stones

Seth K. Bechis, MD
Urologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Encinitas - Garden View

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Seth Bechis, MD, is a urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, kidney cancer, bladder cancer, prostate cancer, and men’s health issues. He has expertise in kidney stone treatment and surgery as well as robot-assisted surgery of the prostate, kidney and ureter.

Roger Sur, MD
Director, Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery

Subspecialty:
Kidney Stones

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Roger Sur, MD, is a board-certified urologist and director of the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center at UC San Diego Health. He completed an endourology society fellowship at Duke University Medical Center training under a world renowned kidney stone specialist.
Urology - Male Infertility

T. Mike Hsieh, MD
Urologist
Associate Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Infertility, Surgery

**Subspecialty:**
Male Infertility

**Add'l Languages:**
Mandarin, Taiwanese

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**
T. Mike Hsieh, MD, is a board-certified urologist specializing in male fertility and men’s health. He treats men with sexual dysfunction including low testosterone, erectile dysfunction, and Peyronie's disease. He also treats male infertility including men with ejaculatory disorder, hormone imbalance, sperm production impairment, cancer, and genetic causes of infertility.
Urology - Urogynecology

**Michael E. Albo, MD**
Co-Director, Women's Pelvic Medicine Center
Vice Chair, Department of Urology
Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Incontinence, Urogynecology

**Additional Language:**
Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8737
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**
Michael E. Albo, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in voiding dysfunction, urinary incontinence, urodynamics, female urology, pelvic floor reconstruction, and urogenital conditions caused by neurologic disorders. Dr. Albo’s expertise includes performing pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries in both women and men; surgery for urinary incontinence; neuromodulation; and botulinum toxin (Botox) injections. He is also trained in a wide variety of medical and surgical techniques to manage voiding disorders and prostate disorders in men.

**Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD**
Urologist/Urogynecologist
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**
Urology, Surgery

**Subspecialties:**
Incontinence, Urogynecology

**Additional Languages:**
French, Spanish

**La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive**
**Hillcrest - Medical Offices North**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**
Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD, is a urologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating a wide range of urogenital conditions in both men and women, including those caused by neurologic disorders. These include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder, neurogenic bladder, ureteral stricture, and post-prostatectomy incontinence, among other pelvic floor disorders. Her other areas of expertise include procedures such as neuromodulation for overactive bladder, bladder augmentation and urinary diversion. She also works with patients with congenital urologic malformations who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.
**Urology - Urologic Cancer**

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**Seth K. Bechis, MD**  
Urologist  
Assistant Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Kidney Stones, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer

**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**  
**Encinitas - Garden View**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**  
Seth Bechis, MD, is a urologist who cares for patients with diseases of the urinary tract, including kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or enlarged prostate, kidney cancer, bladder cancer, prostate cancer, and men's health issues. He has expertise in kidney stone treatment and surgery as well as robot-assisted surgery of the prostate, kidney and ureter.

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**Ithaar H. Derweesh, MD**  
Urologist  
Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Sarcoma (Bone and Soft Tissue), Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer  

**Add'l Language:**  
French

**Jacobs Medical Center**  
**Moores Cancer Center**  
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**  
Ithaar Derweesh, MD, is a board-certified urologist who subspecializes in urologic tumors and malignancies. He leads the surgical arm of UC San Diego Health’s multidisciplinary program for management of kidney cancer.

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**Karim Kader, MD, PhD**  
Urologist  
Professor of Urology

**Specialties:**  
Urology, Cancer, Surgery  

**Subspecialties:**  
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer  

**Add'l Languages:**  
French, Greek

**Moores Cancer Center**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

**Bio:**  
Karim Kader, MD, PhD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in detecting, treating and preventing prostate cancer.
Christopher J. Kane, MD
Chair, Department of Urology
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876
Direct Clinic Line - Moores Cancer Center: (858) 822-6187

Bio:
Christopher J. Kane, MD, is a board-certified urologic oncologist. He has a special interest in treating patients with prostate cancer and has extensive expertise in robotic prostatectomy, open and laparoscopic kidney cancer surgery, and bladder and testes cancer surgery.

J. Kellogg Parsons, MD, MHS
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Moores Cancer Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
J. Kellogg Parsons, MD, MHS, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in treating prostate cancer, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), bladder cancer, and kidney cancer.

Kyoko Sakamoto, MD
Urologist
Professor of Urology

Specialties:
Urology, Cancer, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Urologic Cancer, Urologic Cancer

Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7876

Bio:
Kyoko Sakamoto, MD, is a board-certified urologist who specializes in laparoscopy and endourology. Her additional interests are neuourology and general urology.
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