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San Diego, CA 92121

8910 Villa La Jolla Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92037

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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

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3020 Children's Way  
San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway  
Temecula, CA 92592

Sorrento Valley
4910 Directors Place  
San Diego, CA 92121
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Ophthalmology - Cornea

Natalie A. Afshari, MD, FACS
Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief, Division of Cornea and Refractive Surgery

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Natalie Afshari, MD is accomplished as a clinician, surgeon, and a research scientist. Dr. Afshari’s achievement in cornea and refractive surgery and overall patient care has been recognized by her peers in several of the “best doctors” lists, including “The Best Doctors in America” in each listing for the past decade. Furthermore, Dr. Afshari was awarded the academic Achievement Award and the Secretariat Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has consulted Dr. Afshari’s expertise for matters of safety and efficacy of various ophthalmologic treatments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has honored Dr. Afshari by awarding her and her collaborators extensive grant support to study Fuchs endothelial corneal dystrophy, a genetic disorder leading to corneal transplantation.

Stuart Brown, MD
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Dr. Brown is world renown for his contributions to basic and clinical research of the cornea, and has many “firsts.” He was the first to initiate studies into the surface characteristics of the component of the pre-corneal tear film, was the first to implicate that collagenase was responsible for corneal ulcers after alkali burn, and was the first to develop a collagen research laboratory for the eye and to initiate biochemical and cell biological studies on the structural macromolecules of the cornea. Dr. Brown was also the first to show that severely alkali-burned cornea can be successfully transplanted, resulting in many patients across the world to see whereas this was once considered a hopeless condition. Over thirty years ago, he developed corneal transplantation in babies born blind from corneal opacities. Since few surgeons in the world feel comfortable with this complicated procedure, infants and children from all over the world come to Shiley Eye Institute for their care.
Ophthalmology - Cornea (cont.)

Weldon Haw, MD
Cataract, Cornea and External Diseases, & Refractive Surgery
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief of Ophthalmology - San Diego VAHS

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 552-8585

Bio:
Dr. Haw is a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego School of Medicine & Shiley Eye Institute and Chief of Ophthalmology at the San Diego VAHS. He specializes in advanced cataract surgery techniques, cornea transplantation, and laser/refractive surgery.

Chris W Heichel, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Cornea
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Jacobs Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Chris W. Heichel, MD serves as Associate Clinical Professor of Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery in the Department of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego, Shiley Eye Institute. He is considered a skilled surgeon, astute clinician and a dedicated educator. Dr. Heichel graduated UC San Diego undergraduate with Honors including the Howard Hughes Research Fellowship Award. He completed medical school in Chicago with Honors as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society. He returned to the University of California, San Diego to complete his residency, where he served as Chief Resident, as well as a Fellowship in Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery. He joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 2004 where he is currently a board certified ophthalmologist specializing in Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery.
Thao Nguyen, MD  
Assistant Clinical Professor

Specialty:  
Ophthalmology  

Subspecialty:  
Cornea  

Add'l Language:  
Vietnamese  

Shiley Eye Institute  
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:  
Dr. Nguyen shares that, though a number of years into her practice, she still finds surgery on the eye interesting as it requires her full attention to detail and precision. "On a weekly basis I witness how eye surgeries provide dramatic results, and, in a relatively short time, make vast differences in my patients' quality of life."
Ophthalmology - Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

Don Kikkawa, MD
Chief, Division of Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology
Vice-Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

- **Specialty:** Ophthalmology
- **Subspecialty:** Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Dr. Kikkawa serves as division chief of ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery. This specialty combines traditional studies and patient care as an ophthalmologist with a fellowship in reconstruction and plastic surgery around the eyes. The extensive training uniquely qualifies these specialists to perform delicate surgery on the eyelids, around the eyes, the drainage system, and on the bones around the eye. Dr. Kikkawa finds the field very gratifying; reversing the effects of aging, restoring a normal appearance to disfigured trauma or diseased patients, and eliminating vision-threatening tumors.

Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, FACS
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:** Ophthalmology
**Subspecialty:** Cosmetic Eyelid & Reconstructive Surgery
**Add'l Languages:** Spanish, Thai

**Shiley Eye Institute**
**Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-7402

**Bio:**
Bobby S. Korn, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist. His clinical expertise and interests include oculoplastic surgery, including cosmetic and reconstructive surgery of the eyelid and face; management of thyroid eye disease; eyelid and orbital tumors and cancers; disorders of the lacrimal outflow system; congenital birth defects, endoscopic forehead lifting; bulging or proptosis of eyes; reconstruction of eyelids post cancer removal and after trauma or injury, and skin rejuvenation.
Ophthalmology - General Ophthalmology

Jeffrey Ewing Lee, MD
Ophthalmologist
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspeciality:
General Ophthalmology
Add'l Language:
Cantonese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Ophthalmology - Glaucoma

Andrew S. Camp, MD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspeciality:
Glaucoma

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Andrew S. Camp, MD, is an ophthalmologist who specializes in the medical and surgical management of all types of glaucoma in adults and children. His patients typically have cataracts, open angle glaucoma, closed angle glaucoma, secondary glaucoma, or pediatric/childhood glaucoma.

Rigby Slight, MD
Associate Clinical Professor

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspeciality:
Glaucoma

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

Bio:
Rigby Slight, M.D., is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist and acts as Associate Clinical Professor specializing in Glaucoma. Dr. Slight's clinical interests include clinical research in glaucoma and work at the UC San Diego Optic Disc Reading Center.
Ophthalmology - Glaucoma (cont.)

Robert N. Weinreb, MD
Ophthalmologist
Director, Shiley Eye Institute
Chair, Department of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Glaucoma

**Add'l Language:**
Spanish

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Robert N. Weinreb is a board-certified ophthalmologist and world renowned expert on glaucoma. Dr. Weinreb's expertise includes glaucoma surgery, cataract surgery, and glaucoma management.

Derek S. Welsbie, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Glaucoma

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Derek S. Welsbie, MD, PhD is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in treating adolescents and adults with all stages of glaucoma. His clinical focus ranges from monitoring patients suspected of having glaucoma to operating on patients with advanced disease.

Ophthalmology - Neuro-Ophthalmology

Peter Savino, MD
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology & Neurosciences

**Specialty:**
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**
Neuro-Ophthalmology

**Jacobs Medical Center**
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Shiley Eye Institute

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Peter J. Savino, MD is available for consultation on all potential Neuro-Ophthalmic disorders.
David Bruce Granet, MD, FACS, FAAP, FAAO
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-2020

Bio:
David Granet, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in pediatric ophthalmology and adult re-alignment (strabismus). He is the adult ocular motility specialist for Shiley Eye Institute, and his clinical interests include state-of-the-art adjustable suture strabismus surgery, childhood eye misalignments and disorders, nystagmus, and the role of vision in learning disorders.

Shira Robbins, MD, FAAO, FAAP
Ophthalmologist
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Pediatric Ophthalmology & Eye Muscle Disorders

Shiley Eye Institute
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-2020

Bio:
Shira Robbins, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in the care of children's eyes and treating adult strabismus.
Ophthalmology - Retina

Daniel L. Chao, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Retina

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Daniel Chao, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a vitreoretinal surgeon. He specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of retinal diseases, including diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachment, epiretinal membrane, macular hole, and retinal vein occlusion.

Henry Ferreyra, MD
Ophthalmologist
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Retina
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Henry Ferreyra, MD, is an associate professor with the UCSD Department of Ophthalmology at the Shiley Eye Institute. He obtained his medical degree and completed a residency in ophthalmology and fellowship in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous from the University of California, San Diego.

William R Freeman, MD
Vice-Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology
Director, Jacobs Retina Center

Specialty:
Ophthalmology
Subspecialty:
Retina
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Dr. Freeman is an internationally acclaimed scientific researcher and Director of the Jacobs Retina Research Center, adjoining the UC San Diego Shiley Eye Institute. His work as director of the UC San Diego Jacobs clinical research center enables patients to benefit from the latest advances in diagnostic equipment and therapies. Researchers working in the Center’s laboratories will focus on advancing promising therapies for macular degeneration, tumors, inherited retinal disease, retinal detachment, macular holes, and other important retinal diseases.
Ophthalmology - Retina (cont.)

Michael Goldbaum, MD  
Professor in Residence Co-Director, Retina Division  
Professor at UCSD School of Medicine

**Specialty:**  
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**  
Retina

**Add'l Language:**  
Italian

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
In 1996, Dr. Goldbaum published a report on the first known case of a newborn with E-Coli Endophthalmitis, resulting in inflammation of the internal structures of the tissues in the eyeball. Dr. Goldbaum’s breakthrough in treatment for macular hole was featured in 1998 issues of Ocular Surgery News and the journal, Ophthalmology. The technique using silicone oil has the potential of greatly altering the treatment of macular holes worldwide.

Eric D. Nudleman, MD, PhD  
Ophthalmologist  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

**Specialty:**  
Ophthalmology

**Subspecialty:**  
Retina

**Shiley Eye Institute**

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

**Bio:**
Eric D. Nudleman, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in adult and pediatric vitreoretinal diseases. As a retinal specialist, Dr. Nudleman’s expertise includes surgical treatment for diseases affecting the vitreous and retina. These diseases include macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, retinal vein occlusion, retinal detachment, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, macular holes and epiretinal membrane. Dr. Nudleman also has a special interest in pediatric vitreoretinopathies, including advanced retinopathy of prematurity, familial exudative vitreoretinopathy, Coats’ disease, persistent fetal vascular syndrome and intraocular trauma.
Kang Zhang, MD, PhD

Ophthalmologist

Professor of Ophthalmology

Chief, Ophthalmic Genetics

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

Subspecialty:
Retina

Add'l Language:
Chinese

Shiley Eye Institute

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 534-6290

Bio:
Kang Zhang, MD, PhD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist whose expertise is in treating age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy (i.e. a diabetes complication that affects the eyes) and inherited retinal degeneration. Dr. Zhang is chief of Ophthalmic Genetics at UC San Diego Health's Shiley Eye Institute, a program dedicated to the assessment and treatment of genetic eye diseases.
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