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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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La Jolla, CA 92037

8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
San Diego, CA 92122

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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San Diego, CA 92121

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La Jolla, CA 92037

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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

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

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6719 Alvarado Road, Suite 302
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Downtown Express Care
203 West F Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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Vista, CA 92081

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San Diego, CA 92123

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959 Lane Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91914

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31720 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100
Temecula, CA 92592
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Dermatology

Dermatology is the branch of medicine which studies and treats a variety of skin disorders and diseases. Learn more about dermatology at UC San Diego Health System.

Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, FAAD
Dermatologist
Specialty: Dermatology
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322
Bio:
Natasha Carter, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats patients with skin cancers such as basal cell, melanoma, squamous cell, leukemia cutis and lymphoma of the skin. She also treats inflammatory skin conditions including eczema, rosacea and psoriasis as well as acne and warts.

Anna Di Nardo, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology
Specialty: Dermatology
Add’l Language: Italian
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322
Bio:
Anna Di Nardo, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who oversees the High Risk Pigmented Lesion Clinic. She also specializes in mole mapping and digital dermoscopy to detect early-stage melanoma.

Robert A. Dorschner, MD, FAAD
Dermatologist
Specialty: Dermatology
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322
Bio:
Robert Dorschner, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who diagnoses and cares for adult general dermatology patients and performs minor surgeries. He treats all medical dermatologic conditions, from skin cancer to rashes, acne and warts.

Tissa Hata, MD
Dermatologist
Professor of Medicine
Specialty: Dermatology
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322
Bio:
Tissa Hata, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and clinical service chief and director of the UC San Diego Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit.
Dermatology (cont.)

Charisse Orme, MD, PhD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Charisse Orme, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in general dermatology as well as treating complex conditions such as cutaneous lymphoma, medication reactions in the skin, autoimmune blistering diseases and cutaneous connective tissue disease.

Arisa Ortiz, MD, FAAD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Arisa Ortiz, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of laser and cosmetic dermatology at UC San Diego Health. She specializes in the latest noninvasive procedures, including laser skin resurfacing, dermal filler and toxin injections, body contouring, skin tightening, and the treatment of scars.

Taraneh Paravar, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Taraneh Paravar, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for all patients in the general dermatology clinic and also focuses on complex medical dermatology. This includes treating patients with autoimmune blistering disorders, graft-versus-host disease of the skin, dermatologic complications of cancer therapy, and rheumatologic diseases of the skin such as cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis, scleroderma, morphea, and cutaneous vasculitis.

Keith Roby, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Keith Roby, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who practices general medical dermatology and treats a variety of conditions such as acne, eczema, psoriasis, rashes, skin disorders and warts. He also does skin cancer screening and treats basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma.
Dermatology (cont.)

Jeremy A. Schneider, MD  
Dermatologist  
Assistant Professor of Dermatology  

**Specialty:**  
Dermatology  

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322  

**Bio:**  
Jeremy Schneider, MD, is a dermatologist who sees general medical dermatology patients. He also has a special interest in inpatient dermatology and directs the inpatient consultation service, staffing inpatient consultations with dermatology residents.

Jessica Sprague, MD  
Dermatologist  
Assistant Professor of Dermatology  

**Specialty:**  
Dermatology  

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322  

**Bio:**  
Jessica Sprague, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who cares for people with both general and complex skin conditions. Her interests include treating acne, eczema (atopic dermatitis), psoriasis, pemphigoid, pemphigus, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa and other inflammatory and neoplastic skin disorders.

Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD  
Dermatologist  
Associate Professor of Dermatology  

**Specialty:**  
Dermatology  

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322  

**Bio:**  
Daniel Woodson Shaw, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees patients for contact dermatitis consultations and patch testing, generally only at the request of another dermatologist or allergist.

Bryan K. Sun, MD, PhD  
Dermatologist  
Assistant Professor of Dermatology  

**Specialty:**  
Dermatology  

**La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane**  

**Contact:**  
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273  
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322  

**Bio:**  
Bryan Sun, MD, PhD, is a board-certified dermatologist who treats a variety of skin conditions, including eczema, psoriasis and acne. He also performs skin screening for skin cancer. He has a special interest in genetic skin diseases and genetic syndromes with skin manifestations.
Dermatology (cont.)

Daniel R. Synkowski, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Daniel Synkowski, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who sees adult patients with general dermatology needs and performs minor surgery.

Wynnis Tom, MD
Dermatologist
Associate Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6248

Bio:
Wynnis Tom, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in chronic inflammatory skin conditions and caring for patients whose disease requires systemic medicines.
Dermatology - Dermatopathology

Brian Hinds, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology
Subspecialty:
Dermatopathology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
Brian Hinds, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist who specializes in the study of skin under the microscope and treats dermatology patients with a focus on conditions such as acne, skin infections/warts, psoriasis, eczema, and skin cancers. He also treats chronic skin conditions with internal manifestations, such as lupus erythematous, dermatomyositis, and sarcoidosis, among other complex or recalcitrant skin diseases.

Amanda F. Marsch, MD
Dermatologist
Assistant Professor of Dermatology

Specialty:
Dermatology
Subspecialty:
Dermatopathology

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane
Scripps Ranch - Mira Mesa Blvd

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8322
Direct Clinic Line - Scripps Ranch: (858) 657-7750

Bio:
Amanda Marsch, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist with expertise in general dermatology as well as complex conditions such as medication reactions in the skin, cutaneous vasculitis, skin manifestations of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), HIV-related skin changes, cutaneous lymphoma, pyoderma gangrenosum, pemphigoid, pemphigus, morphea, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, hidradenitis suppurativa, and cutaneous connective tissue disease.
Shang I Brian Jiang, MD
Professor of Dermatology
Director, Dermatologic and Mohs Micrographic Surgery

Specialty:
Dermatology

Subspecialty:
Mohs & Reconstructive Surgery

La Jolla - 8899 University Center Lane

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8322

Bio:
S. Brian Jiang, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist and director of dermatologic and Mohs micrographic surgery at UC San Diego Health. Mohs surgery, a type of precise surgical technique, is used to remove basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, the two most common skin cancers. In addition to Mohs surgery, Dr. Jiang's expertise includes reconstructive surgery and cosmetic dermatology and laser procedures.
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 a board-certified 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.

Vala Hamidi, MD
Endocrinologist

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Add'l Language:
Farsi

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Hillcrest: (619) 543-6303
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-8440

Bio:
Vala Hamidi, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with diabetes, disorders of calcium and skeletal metabolism, osteoporosis, pituitary and adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and thyroid disorders. She also provides care in general endocrinology.
Endocrinology (cont.)

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.

Christopher J. Hupfeld, MD
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

Encinitas - Garden View Road

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (760) 479-5370

Bio:
P. J. Hupfeld, MD, is an endocrinologist.

Patricia S. Juang, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology
Add'l Language:
Chinese

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Jacobs Medical Center

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

Bio:
Patricia Juang, MD, is an endocrinologist who sees patients with a variety of endocrine conditions. She has a particular interest in the care of diabetic patients in the inpatient hospital setting.
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.

Kristen Kulasa, MD
Endocrinologist
Associate 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.

Jeremy Pettus, MD
Endocrinologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Jeremy Pettus, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who specializes in treating diabetes. He works with individuals who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes to develop personalized treatment plans which may include healthy eating, exercise, diabetes medication or insulin therapy and blood sugar monitoring.
Endocrinology (cont.)

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.

Gina N. Woods, MD
Endocrinologist and Bone Health Specialist
Associate Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Specialty:
Endocrinology

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

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

Bio:
Gina Woods, MD, is a board-certified endocrinologist who treats people with osteoporosis and other metabolic bone diseases. She works with individuals to preserve bone health, prevent fractures, and manage osteoporosis care with treatments that may include diet modification, exercise and medication.
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