UCLA Health’s community expansion has brought more than 180 primary and specialty care offices to greater Los Angeles. Recently, the entire system has become more convenient, as popular specialties and services, such as obstetrics & gynecology, pediatrics and general surgery, have opened new locations, and the number of offices offering evening and weekend hours has increased.

**MORE OPTIONS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**

We recently opened or expanded several OB/GYN and pediatrics offices outside of Westwood and Santa Monica, often in tandem. Both OB/GYN and pediatrics offices are now open in Torrance and Westlake Village, and general pediatrics offices are located in Calabasas and Pasadena, where OB/GYN offices will open soon, too. Physicians deliver babies and perform procedures in nearby community hospitals, and pediatric specialists rotate through some of these practices.

Offering OB/GYN and pediatrics services in the same communities is both convenient for patients and improves the quality and the continuity of their care. It means that pregnant women can select a pediatrics provider and go in for a prenatal appointment without having to travel far from home, and that after delivery, they can easily keep the entire family’s medical care and electronic health records in one place.

**SURGICAL CONSULTS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY OFFICES**

Another type of expansion that offers convenience to patients has been to move general and specialty surgeons into community practices. In the new surgical consult suites in Santa Clarita and Encino, surgeons provide consultations for hernia repair, colon resection, cyst removal and more. They perform surgeries at nearby outpatient surgery centers and community hospitals.

**IMMEDIATE CARE NEAR YOU**

Finally, we have made it easier for UCLA Health patients to receive medical care when and where they need it. While patients should always call their primary care office first if they are sick or injured, if that office is closed, our six immediate care locations accept walk-in visits during evening and weekend hours, billed as regular doctor’s appointments.

Throughout this expansion, our goal remains the same: to ensure that every UCLA Health patient receives the care they need, when and where they need it, at every age and stage of life.
In 2019, UCLA Health opened or expanded dozens of community practices in the greater Los Angeles region. We also improved care coordination for high- and rising-risk patients, expanded our telehealth offerings, and launched direct scheduling and opt-in appointment reminders via text through myUCLAHealth, our online patient portal.

Looking ahead, 2020 will be another year of great growth. Here are some of the things I’m most excited about:

**Downtown L.A. office set to open**
We’ve spent well over a year preparing to open a brand new office in downtown Los Angeles at the corner of West 7th Street and Flower Street, in the complex known as The Bloc. The office will offer primary care for children and adults, as well as hematology/oncology, surgery consultations and imaging services. Look for this new addition in March.

**Calabasas expansion continues**
The Calabasas office opened earlier this year, offering ophthalmology, lab services, general and specialty pediatrics, and primary care services for entertainment industry patients. Looking ahead, we’ll add obstetrics & gynecology, urology, head and neck surgery, and an imaging and interventional center in the same building.

**More convenient offerings**
One of the things I’m most excited about is our continued commitment to providing care to UCLA Health patients when and where they need it. This means adding more same day visits to primary care practices, opening additional immediate care locations with extended hours, embedding more OB/GYN, pediatrics and general surgery practices into the community setting, and hiring more inpatient physicians to work in community hospitals.

As we welcome 2020, here’s to more growth and a healthy year ahead.
THREE DAYS AFTER DELIVERING AT Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Brittani Clark, a pediatric nurse practitioner, brought in her newborn daughter, Nia, for her first appointment with Dr. Allison Guimera in the Porter Ranch office. Dr. Guimera weighed and examined Nia and talked to Brittani about infant care. Similar well child visits continued at regular intervals until Nia was about 2 months old.

Then, right before Thanksgiving, Brittani says Nia vomited several times after her evening feedings. Brittani called the pediatrics office and spoke to an on-call physician, who told her to bring in Nia the next day if her symptoms continued.

While Nia wasn’t vomiting the next morning, Brittani noticed that her diaper was lighter than usual. Dr. Guimera saw Nia that day, and was concerned enough about her symptoms to order an urgent ultrasound, which was performed at UCLA’s Santa Clarita imaging center.

Afterward, the radiologist called Dr. Guimera to tell her that the study indicated pyloric stenosis, a condition in which a valve between the stomach and the small intestine blocks food from moving through the digestive tract. The recommended treatment is surgery.

Dr. Guimera called Brittani and told her the diagnosis. She then asked her to bring Nia to UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, where she could be directly admitted and have the procedure within 24 hours. The surgery was successful, and after Nia was discharged, Dr. Guimera monitored her to make sure she was healthy and gaining weight.

The office again coordinated Nia’s care when she was 7 months old and needed to see a pediatric neurologist. When Dr. Guimera wasn’t available, her colleague, Dr. Militello, stepped in to handle the referral and check on Nia after she was admitted to the hospital.

In both cases, Brittani says, the entire system worked well. “Dr. Guimera and the Porter Ranch office were easy to reach and ready to coordinate Nia’s care,” she says, “and the hospital team explained everything so that even family members without a medical background could understand what was going on.”

Since then, Dr. Guimera has continued to see Nia for well visits. At her recent 1-year-old checkup, Nia smiled and gave her doctor a high-five.

“I want families to think of me as the leader of their child’s health care team.”
WHERE TO FIND PRIMARY CARE FOR KIDS

UCLA Health provides primary care services to children at more than 25 locations throughout greater Los Angeles.

Physicians trained in pediatrics deliver this care in about 20 offices, while family medicine physicians see kids in a handful of additional locations. All of these doctors provide primary care to children of all ages, from newborns through adolescents.

To make this care more convenient for families with children, many pediatric specialists now spend some time in community offices. For instance, pediatric surgeons now rotate through the Torrance and Santa Clarita offices; pediatric neurologists and gastroenterologists and pulmonologists spend time in Calabasas.

The adjacent list and below map show the UCLA Health offices that offer primary care services to kids.

More info: uclahealth.org/primary-care

WHERE TO FIND PEDIATRICIANS

1. Beverly Hills 9675 Brighton Way, Suite 100 (310) 205-7310
2. Brentwood 11980 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 102 (310) 208-7777
3. Burbank 2625 W. Alameda Ave., Suite 518 (818) 843-9020
4. Century City* 10250 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 2440 (310) 286-0122
5. Culver City* 6000 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 2660 (310) 313-0020
7. Encino* 15503 Ventura Blvd., Suite 350 (818) 461-8148
8. Malibu* 23815 Stuart Ranch Rd., Suite 300 (310) 456-1668
9. Manhattan Beach 1000 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 190 (310) 546-8702
10. Pasadena 800 S. Fairmount Ave., Suite 415 (626) 449-8440
11. Porter Ranch* 19950 Rinaldi St., Suite 300 (818) 271-2400
12. Redondo Beach* 514 N. Prospect Ave., Suite 103 (310) 937-8555
13. Santa Clarita 27235 Tourney Rd., Suite 2500 (661) 253-5851
14. Santa Monica 2825 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 104 (310) 829-9935
15. Santa Monica 1260 15th St., Suite 1002 (310) 825-0867
16. Santa Monica** 1245 16th St., Suite 125 (310) 315-8900
17. Torrance 4201 Torrance Blvd., Suite 660 (310) 373-4303
18. Westlake Village 1250 La Venta Drive, Suite 105 (805) 557-7187
19. West L.A. 11318 National Blvd. (310) 231-9150
20. Westwood 200 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 265 (310) 825-0867
21. Woodland Hills* 6344 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Suite 2040 (818) 610-0292

WHERE TO FIND FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS

22. Manhattan Beach 2501 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 100 (310) 546-4599
23. Pacific Palisades 881 Alma Real Drive, Suite 214 (310) 459-2363
24. Palos Verdes 501 Deep Valley Drive, Suite 100 (310) 303-3953
25. Simi Valley 2655 First St., Suite 360 (805) 583-7640
26. Thousand Oaks 100 Moody Court, Suite 200 (805) 418-3500

*Office also staffs family medicine physicians
**There are additional offices in Santa Monica
NEW OFFICE

WESTLAKE VILLAGE WOMEN’S IMAGING CENTER

30700 Russell Ranch Rd., Suite 110
Westlake Village, CA 91362
Office: (818) 661-6570
Diagnostic scheduling: (310) 301-6800
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am – 5 pm
Parking: Free in lot
More info: uclahealth.org/radiology/wvwc

SERVICES
- Mammography (2D and 3D)
- DEXA
- Ultrasound (breast and general)
- MRI
- Interventional procedures, including MRI guided breast biopsy, stereotactic biopsy and ultrasound guided core biopsy

NEW SPECIALTY

GENERAL SURGERY IN ENCINO

General surgeons provide consultations related to hernia, hemorrhoids, colon resections, soft tissue masses and more. Subspecialists in plastic, endocrine, thoracic, breast and orthopedic surgery also work out of this office.

15503 Ventura Blvd., Suite 240
Encino, CA 91436
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am – 5 pm
Phone: (818) 461-3321
More info: uclahealth.org/encino

PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT

SANTA CLARITA – TOURNEY ROAD

27235 Tourney Rd.
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Parking: Free parking in lot
More info: uclahealth.org/santa-clarita

- Primary & Specialty Care – Suite 2500
  Phone: (661) 253-5851
  Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am – 5 pm

Specialties: Internal medicine, pediatrics, dermatology, head & neck, pediatric surgery, rheumatology

- Immediate Care – Suite 2500
  Phone: (661) 253-5851
  Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am – 9 pm
  Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm
  Holidays: 9 am - 5 pm
  *Walk-in visits offered

- Imaging and Interventional Center – Suite 1500
  Phone: (661) 253-5858
  Hours and info: uclahealth.org/radiology/scic
  Services: CT, MRI, ultrasound, mammography, x-ray, DEXA, PET/CT, interventional procedures

- General Surgery Consultations – Suite 2200
  Phone: (661) 219-2643
  Services: Consultations for hernia, gallstones, hemorrhoids and more

- Hematology/Oncology – Suite 2400
  Phone: (661) 255-5350

If you have an urgent, non-life threatening health concern, you should always call your primary care office first and schedule a same day sick visit. But if it’s an evening or weekend and your primary care office is closed, physicians in UCLA Health’s immediate care locations are available to provide that care.

**Benefits of Immediate Care**
- Walk-in visits offered
- No appointment necessary
- Evening, weekend and holiday hours
- Pediatric and adult services available
- Exemplary care by UCLA Health physicians
- Medical records available to care team
- Billed as a regular doctor’s appointment
- Most insurance plans accepted

**Conditions Treated**
- Colds, fevers, flu and flu-like symptoms
- Ear infections
- Bladder and urinary tract infections
- Bites, burns, sunburns
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**More Info:** uclahealth.org/immediate-care

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