

Physician Information

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Physician Background Information

*There are no nationwide federal laws or guidelines concerning the amount of information a physician must make available about his/her background to the public. Information available varies from state to state based on each state's requirements.

Print:

610.6952 M (HIC Special Collection & Closed Shelf)

Medical Directory of New York State. Medical Society of the State of New York, 2004. Contains background information on physicians practicing in New York state and is updated every 2 years. Includes information on a physician's education, location of practice, certification and more.

610.2573 D (HIC Special Collection)

Directory of Physicians in the United States. American Medical Association, 2004. Contains information on physicians practicing in the United States. Includes physicians who are not members of the AMA as well.

610.2573 O (HIC Special Collection)

The Official ABMS Directory of Board Certified Medical Specialists. Marquis Who's Who, 2004.

Lists physicians practicing in the United States that have a certified medical specialty from their respective medical specialty board. Listed by specialty and geographic area.

Electronic:

New York State Physician Profile

<http://www.nydoctorprofile.com/welcome.jsp>

Web site created by New York state that profiles all licensed doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who are registered to practice medicine in New York state.

Contains information on a physician's education, practice, legal actions taken against him or her and professional activities.

Professional Misconduct & Physician Discipline

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/opmc/main.htm>

Web site created by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) for the state of New York. A searchable database of physicians, physicians assistants and specialist assistants who have been disciplined since 1990 is provided.

AMA Physician Select

<http://www.ama-assn.org/aps/amahg.htm>

Web site created by the American Medical Association that provides basic professional information on physicians in the United States. Lists physicians that are not members of the AMA as well.

Physician Rankings

*It is important to note that all physician rankings are subjective and vary by the entity producing the ranking. Look carefully at the selection criteria in the introduction sections of the books listed to see if they match your priorities.

610.9652 T (HIC Special Collection & Closed Shelf)

Top Doctors: New York Metro Area. Castle Connolly, 2004.

Lists doctors by medical specialty and then by borough.

610.2573 A (HIC Special Collection & Closed Shelf)

America's Top Doctors. Castle Connolly, 2004.

Lists physicians by medical specialty and then by region of the U.S.

610.2573 C (HIC Special Collection & Closed Shelf)

Consumers' Guide to Top Doctors. Center for the Study of Services, 2002.

Lists physicians by state and then by specialty.

Physician Organizations

*Physician organizations can be a good way to find physicians that specialize in a specific area of medicine. Belonging to an organization is not a requirement for practicing in an area of medicine, however.

Print:

362.1025 M (HIC Closed Shelf)

Medical and Health Information Directory. Gale Research 2004.

National contact information for physician organizations, support groups, non-profit organizations and more.

Electronic:

MedlinePlus: Directories

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/directories.html>

Provides links to physician organization web sites many with listings of member physicians and contact information.

NOAH: United States Physician and Health Professional Information

<http://www.noah-health.org/en/usmd/>

In addition to links to physician organization web sites, provides links to state physician information sites throughout the United States.