

Top Doctors *for Women's Health*

How Top Doctors are Selected

In selecting these 188 Top Doctors for Women's Health, Castle Connolly's physician-led research team gave consideration not only to the doctors' areas of medical specialty, but to their expertise as it relates to the medical needs of women.

The question most asked about how Castle Connolly selects its Top Doctors is: Do doctors pay to be listed? Physicians do not, and cannot, pay to be selected as a Top Doctor.

The Screening Process

Castle Connolly follows rigorous survey, research and screening processes.

Here is how it works.

Castle Connolly ...

- Selects only physicians who are board-certified and for whom the company has validated that the board certifications are current.
- Uses "minimum years in practice" standards, based on the medical specialty, because studies show quality increases with clinical experience.

- Surveys, by mail and online, thousands of physicians and other health care professionals and asks them to identify excellent doctors in every specialty in their region and across the nation. While the nomination process is anonymous and confidential, each invitee has an access code to the nomination website, which helps ensure doctors do not nominate themselves.

- Makes thousands of phone calls each year, talking with leading specialists, chairs of clinical departments and vice presidents of medical affairs, seeking to identify top specialists for most diseases and procedures.

- Reviews the credentials of every physician under consideration, including his or her medical education, training, hospital appointments, administrative posts, professional achievements and malpractice and disciplinary history.

Information on outcomes, procedure volume and malpractice is becoming increasingly available, but the public disclosure varies from state to state. Castle Connolly uses its best efforts to gather the information that is available. Ultimately, however, it is the professional judgment of the Castle

Connolly editors, the chief medical and research officer and the research staff that determines Castle Connolly's Top Doctors selection.

Each of the selected doctors is asked to complete a comprehensive professional biography form and also provide information on his or her areas of expertise. The information becomes an integral part of selected doctors' listings in the guide.

Physicians also may be removed from the Castle Connolly lists. Some of the reasons for removal are: retirement, change in practice, unavailability to patients, malpractice or disciplinary issues, negative physician or patient feedback, professional demeanor or a change in the "mix" of specialists Castle Connolly presents for a given community.

Being removed from a list does not indicate something negative about the physician. At the same time, Castle Connolly does not claim to identify every excellent physician in the nation or a region.

Physicians identified through the Castle Connolly research process are clearly among the very best, but there are always other very good physicians not identified by Castle Connolly.

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Anthony C. Ingenito
Brain Tumors, Breast Cancer,
Gastrointestinal Cancer, Head
& Neck Cancer, Lung Cancer,
Lymphoma
Hackensack
(201) 199-2210
Hackensack University
Medical Center
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Tamara A. LaCouture
Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer,
Stereotactic Radiosurgery
Camden
(856) 663-1180
Cooper University Hospital

Michael G. McKenna
Breast Cancer, Head & Neck
Cancer, Prostate Cancer
Hamilton
(609) 958-2800
Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital - Hamilton

Edward Soffen
Brachytherapy, Breast Cancer,
Prostate Cancer
Princeton
(609) 949-4304
University Medical Center
of Princeton at Plainsboro,
CentraState Medical Center

Raquel T. Wagman
Breast Cancer
Livingston
(973) 332-5630
Saint Barnabas Medical
Center

James R. Wong
Breast Cancer, Head & Neck
Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer,
Prostate Cancer
Morristown
(973) 397-5329
Morristown Medical Center

Reproductive Endocrinology

Paul A. Bergh
Infertility-IVF
Morristown
(973) 397-4600
Morristown Medical Center

Jerome H. Check
Infertility-IVF
Marlton
(856) 675-5575
Cooper University Hospital,
Virtua West Jersey Hospital-
Marlton

Sorena H. Chen
Hysteroscopic Surgery,
Infertility, Laparoscopic
Surgery

Jane E. Miller
Hysteroscopic Surgery,
Infertility-IVF, Laparoscopic
Surgery
Englewood Cliffs
(201) 187-1999
Holy Name Medical Center

Daniel Navot
Infertility-IVF
Westwood
(201) 166-4200
Englewood Hospital &
Medical Center, Valley
Hospital

Althea O'Shaughnessy
Infertility
Lawrenceville
(609) 989-1114
Capital Health Medical
Center - Hopewell, University
Medical Center of Princeton
at Plainsboro

Mark X. Ransom
Infertility-IVF
Wayne
(973) 375-4055
St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital,
Hackensack University
Medical Center

Stephen W. Sawin
Infertility-IVF, Polycystic
Ovarian Syndrome, Uterine
Fibroids
Marlton
(856) 659-2233
Virtua West Jersey Hospital-
Marlton

Richard T. Scott
Fertility Preservation in
Cancer, Infertility, Infertility-
IVF
Basking Ridge
(908) 860-7800
Morristown Medical Center

Susan L. Treiser
Infertility, Infertility-IVF
Somerset
(732) 222-9060
St. Peter's University Hospital

Gerson Weiss
Infertility, Menopause
Problems
Hasbrouck Heights
(201) 128-6330
Hackensack University
Medical Center, University
Hospital-UMDNJ-Newark

Rheumatology

Nicholas P. Scarpa
Lupus/SLE in Pregnancy,
Osteoporosis, Rheumatoid
Arthritis
Lansdown City

M. Michele Blackwood
Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer
- Young Women, Breast
Cancer Pathology, Breast
Cancer-High Risk Women,
Breast Surgery, Hormone
Replacement Therapy,
Menopause Problems,
Sentinel Node Surgery,
Women's Health
Livingston
(973) 332-7020
Saint Barnabas Medical
Center

Kristin Brill
Breast Cancer & Surgery
Camden
(856) 634-3113
Cooper University Hospital

Daniel C. Budd
Breast Cancer, Endocrine
Surgery, Gastrointestinal
Surgery
Paterson
(973) 374-3371
Valley Hospital, Chilton
Hospital

Harold E. Chung-Loy
Breast Surgery, Laparoscopic
Surgery, Vascular Surgery
Edison
(732) 254-1000
JFK Medical Center - Edison,
Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital at Rahway

Rodolfo Colaco
Breast Surgery, Gallbladder
Surgery, Hernia, Laparoscopic
Surgery
Elizabeth
(908) 835-4177
Trinitas Regional Medical
Center

Kumar Dasmahapatra
Breast Surgery, Cancer
Surgery, Head & Neck
Surgery, Laparoscopic
Surgery, Pancreatic Surgery
Edison
(732) 234-5400
Raritan Bay Medical Center
- Perth Amboy Division, JFK
Medical Center - Edison

William L. Diehl
Breast Cancer, Colon Cancer,
Gastrointestinal Cancer,
Pancreatic Cancer
Morristown
(973) 326-6400
Morristown Medical Center,
St. Clare's Hospital - Denville

Julia M. Digiola
Breast Cancer, Breast Disease
Summit
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Jaime N. Gildengers
Breast Surgery, Colon
Surgery, Gallbladder Surgery,
Hernia
West New York
(201) 185-0406
Palisades Medical Center,
Christ Hospital - Jersey City

Michael A. Goldfarb
Breast Surgery, Telemedicine
Long Branch
(732) 287-6060
Monmouth Medical Center

Jan A. Huston
Breast Disease, Breast
Surgery
Montclair
(908) 891-0001
Saint Michael's Medical
Center, Saint Barnabas
Medical Center

Thomas J. Kearney
Breast Cancer
New Brunswick
(732) 223-8524
Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital - New
Brunswick, St. Peter's
University Hospital

Angela E. Lanfranchi
Breast Cancer, Breast Surgery
Somerville
(908) 892-8994
Somerset Medical Center

Joseph J. Licata Jr.
Breast Surgery, Laparoscopic
Surgery
Ramsey
(201) 132-0220
Valley Hospital

Jerrold S. Lozner
Breast Cancer & Surgery,
Breast Surgery
Berkeley Heights
(908) 827-8850
Overlook Medical Center

Vivek Maheshwari
Breast Cancer, Cancer
Surgery, Endocrine Tumors,
Gastrointestinal Cancer
West Orange
(973) 373-5005
Saint Barnabas Medical
Center, Newark Beth Israel
Medical Center

Marc S. Mandel
Abdominal Wall
Reconstruction, Breast
Cancer & Surgery, Cancer
Surgery, Gastrointestinal
Surgery
Summit
(908) 859-0966
Overlook Medical Center

Margaret M. Sacco
Breast Surgery, Cancer
Surgery
Pompton Plains
(973) 383-0564
Chilton Hospital, St. Clare's
Hospital-Dover

Harold S. Schell
Breast Cancer,
Gastrointestinal Surgery,
Thyroid & Parathyroid
Surgery
Ewing
(609) 965-8844
Capital Health Medical Center
- Hopewell, Capital Health
Regional Medical Center

Martha L. Schreiber
Breast Cancer, Breast Disease
Wall
(732) 228-0020
Ocean Medical Center, Jersey
Shore University Medical
Center

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Breast Cancer
Camden
(856) 634-3113
Cooper University Hospital

Ronald H. Sultan
Breast Cancer, Hernia,
Thyroid Cancer
Jersey City
(201) 143-3305
Jersey City Medical Center,
Palisades Medical Center

Urology

David C. Chalkin
Neuro-Urology, Urology-
Female, Voiding Dysfunction
Morristown
(973) 353-1050
Morristown Medical Center

Barry R. Rossman
Erectile Dysfunction,
Incontinence-Female, Kidney
Stones, Prostate Cancer,
Vasectomy & Vasectomy
Reversal
Princeton
(609) 992-6487
University Medical Center
of Princeton at Plainsboro,
Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital - New
Brunswick

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Laparoscopic Surgery,
Urologic Cancer, Urology-
Female
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