

This Free E-Book is brought to you by [Natural-Aging.com](http://Natural-Aging.com).

**100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment**  
**Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances**  
**Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!**

## Doctor Background Check

By Hugo Gallegos

Why check a doctor's background?

We all want the best possible surgeon or physician when it comes to our healthcare. We know all physicians and surgeons do not have the same training and experience, especially in today's advanced medical health-care environment. No doctor will tell you outright whether he/she has been disciplined or had one or more malpractice judgments issued against him/her. The only way to find out, is to ask or research the surgeon or physician yourself.

Free Doctor Information

Is there such a thing as free doctor information? Absolutely; you can find free doctor information by contacting your state medical board or by browsing online. The question is, how much information can you get for free and how accurate will it be? Most state medical boards do not charge; however, most (if not all) offer limited background information on doctors. Very few establishments (less than a handful) specialize in providing information relating to doctor's credentials. That's why it's important to find out how credible the company is, and what type of doctor-related information they offer.

Doctors' Credentials

Just by looking at a doctor's credentials will not guarantee you will receive high quality health care. However, you can use several important criteria to find an experienced well-trained physicians or surgeon.

Tips:

- If your are looking for a specialist, make sure he/she is board-certified in his/her respective
- field of specialty.
- Make sure no disciplinary actions has been instituted.

## Doctor Background Check

- Look closely at malpractice judgments, and how many have been brought against the practitioner (more than three is not good)
- Find out if he/she is fellowship-trained in their specialty field. This is usually a good sign.
- Look for hospital affiliations or membership affiliations; the more there are, the better.
- Physician or surgeon has been practicing medicine five years or more.
- Research to see if they have teaching responsibilities at any hospitals etc.
- Look for a physician or surgeon who has been practicing medicine for five years or more.
- Research to see if they have teaching responsibilities at any hospitals or other medical institutions.
- Find out how much of the physician's practice focuses on the medical condition/surgery you request.
- Find out if the physician/surgeon has any awards, or is involved in his/her community.

### Research a Doctor

How do I research a doctor? The Internet is loaded with many sites which claim to have information about doctors' credentials information. And yes, most of them do; however, you want to make sure you get more than just a doctor's license number and contact information. For more comprehensive information, consider contacting the following sources.

- Your local library
- Your state medical board
- The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), a non-profit organization comprising 24 medical specialty boards.
- The medical society relevant to your intended physician or surgeon's field of specialty.
- American Medical Association , if a member

Bottom line.

Every physician or surgeon has a different background of experience and training. The more research you conduct into this background, the more it will increase your chances of finding a health-care provider who will satisfy your medical needs.

Hugo Gallegos is founder & president of

<http://www.mdnationwide.org>

## **The Check Doctor Credentials Theory**

**By Hugo Gallegos**

Camas, WA – Nov 25, 2004 – The behind the scenes check doctor credentials booming business. Who really supplies the doctor credential information?

In 2003, there were more than 890 million doctor visits in the U.S. according to the (CDC) Center for Diseases Control and Prevention. "More now than ever consumers are not only researching their doctor, but are also demanding the highest quality of health care" says Hugo Gallegos, President of

MDNationwide.org

### Check Doctor Credentials:

Doctor information (reports) such as check doctor credentials, medical doctor ratings, doctor background checks, and check surgeon quality, just a few years ago scarcely existed. Most doctor credential information pertaining to disciplinary actions and so on, were kept on the hush side. Now, all that has changed, consumers understand that experience varies from doctor to doctor. With more companies offering doctor credential information consumers are spending more time researching their doctors.

\* A doctor background check can be accomplished in a variety of ways depending what the consumers wants. Example: If a consumer wants to find out if his or her doctor has ever had disciplinary actions issued against them, the Federation of State Medical Boards (excluding National Practitioner Data Bank) has more doctor disciplinary report information than any other establishment in America, and the cost is \$9.95 per report.

### Pros:

1. They are the undisputed heavyweights of doctor background checks for disciplinary actions.

### Cons:

1. They only specialize in disciplinary doctor reports.

\* If consumers want to view medical doctor ratings on particular doctors, there are different choices available. It is not clear what their methodology is based on, however, a popular choice seems to be Health Grades Inc. They have a wide selection of doctors nationwide to choose from, however with such an enormous database, you might want to double check your info for accuracy.

## Doctor Background Check

Pros:

1. A huge medical doctor ratings database, bigger selection of doctors

Cons:

1. Methodologies are not clear
2. Database is so big that keeping updated information is nearly impossible.

\* For consumers who prefer only a top specialist based on extensive surveys performed, there are three well-known establishments claim they have the best doctors in America. Each one has their own methodology in place, some more extensive than others. They are

<http://www.mdnationwide.org>

, with

more than 3,000 of the best doctors in America, the Best Doctors establishment with more than 30,000 best doctors in America, and the Castle Connolly establishment with more than 4,500 best doctors in America.

Pros:

1. Methodology is much clearer
2. Only elite doctors, based on surveys conducted, are added to these databases.
3. Licensure status, certifications and other credentials are researched.
4. Best doctor databases are smaller, therefore information is easier to update.
5. Free top doctor search at

<http://www.mdnationwide.org/search.php>

Cons:

1. Because the number of best doctors is a small percentage, there is less to choose from.
2. Best doctors do not reside in every zip code or city, therefore you may need to travel several hundred miles.

MDNationwide Inc is a comprehensive source for unbiased advice about America's Top Doctors. Visit us at

<http://www.mdnationwide.org>

.

###

Hugo Gallegos founder/president of

MDNationwide.org

Inc

Copyright 2004

<http://www.mdnationwide.org>

– Research & Information company that specializes in  
researching & recognizing the top doctor's in America.

The Check Doctor Credentials Theory

Free Background Checks – Do They Work?

12 Things You Might Not Know About Background Checks

Tips on a People Search and Doctor Search

Background Checks - Quintessential In Today's World Of Employment

Natural Pain Management

How To Create HOT Information Products

How To Improve Blood Circulation

Understanding Acne: Causes, Cures and Myths

Webcam Watcher



This Free E-Book has been brought to you by [Natural-Aging.com](http://Natural-Aging.com).

**[100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment](#)**  
**Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances**  
**Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!**