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Top Doctors

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The Best in American Medicine

This July, U.S. News will release U.S. News Top Doctors, an online editorial project developed in collaboration with Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., publisher of America's Top Doctors and other guides.

The goal of U.S. News Top Doctors is to help guide consumers to top specialists and primary care doctors in their area who can best address their specific medical needs. Top Doctors differs from U.S. News rankings like Best Hospitals, Best Diets, and Best Colleges in important respects. A key difference is that physicians will not be ranked. No single cardiologist, oncologist, or other specialist can be the No. 1 doctor for all patients with heart disease, cancer, or any other medical condition. Fundamentally, Top Doctors will be a data-rich directory of excellent doctors, coupled with sophisticated searching and sorting tools, to help each consumer find the doctor who's right for his or her needs.

Will U.S. News numerically rank doctors the way it ranks Best Hospitals?

No. Top Doctors will be listed in a searchable directory.

How will U.S. News determine which physicians qualify as Top Doctors?

U.S. News has teamed up with Castle Connolly, a New York City-based company that has been working for nearly two decades to identify the nation's top doctors. Castle Connolly bases its Top Doctors selections on nominations submitted by other doctors and reviewed by its physician-led research team. U.S. News will make information about each Top Doctor freely available to the general public.

Can a doctor pay to be named a Top Doctor?

No. Doctors do not and cannot pay U.S. News or Castle Connolly to be recognized as Top Doctors. Nor can hospitals or group medical practices pay to have their doctors recognized.

Do doctors apply to be Top Doctors?

No. There is no application process. Any doctor may nominate one or more peers, but doctors cannot nominate themselves.

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About This Physician

Gender	Female
Type of Specialist	Plastic Surgeon
Special Expertise	Facial Rejuvenation
Admitting Hospital(s)	California Pacific Medical Center High performing in 5 Specialties St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center
Board Certification(s)	Plastic Surgery
Latest Certification Date(s)	2002
Obtained Medical Degree From	Stanford University 1994
Residency(ies)	Surgery Stanford University Medical Center Palo Alto, CA 1994 - 1997 Plastic Surgery Stanford University Medical Center Palo Alto, CA 1997 - 1999
Fellowship(s)	Cosmetic Plastic Surgery California Pac Medical Center-Davies San Francisco, CA 1999 - 2000 Hand Surgery NYU Medical Center New York, NY 2000 - 2001