



## From pediatricians to gerontologists, 616 superlative physicians who are keeping the Bay Area healthy



**NO MATTER HOW MUCH RESEARCH YOU DO**, determining which doctor to make an appointment with can feel like a Herculean task—too big for any one magazine to take on. So we turned to a specialist, Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a health care research and information company that asks licensed MDs and DOs, hospital execs, and county medical societies to nominate their own. (And, no, they can't nominate themselves, nor can they pay to be included.)

The company's researchers screen each nominated doctor's educational and professional experience, checking for basics like a quality medical degree, faculty appointments, hospital affiliations, years of experience and board certification, as well as malpractice suits and disciplinary action. After sifting through 930-plus nominees in eight Bay Area Counties—Alameda Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma—the team narrowed the list of top docs down to 616 names. They're all cataloged in the pages that follow, along with details about their primary hospital affiliations, specialties and how you can contact them. If your health care team doesn't appear on this list, it doesn't mean they aren't amazing physicians—it may be that they just weren't nominated this year. But, if they did make the cut, it's a good indication they're among the best physicians in the Bay Area.

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