
+ HOW THE DOCTORS WERE CHOSEN We sent more than 5,000 questionnaires to Connecticut doctors, asking them to recommend a doctor (other than themselves) to whom they would send a loved one for expert medical care. In this year's survey, the focus was on eight specialties: allergy and immunology, cardiology, endocrinology, family medicine, geriatric medicine, internal medicine, orthopedics and podiatry. The top vote-getters in those categories made the Top Docs listings, along with all those doctors in other specialties who finished at the top of our surveys from the years 2011-2013. We've done our best to update all the doctors' information along the way.

The result is 834 doctors in 31 specialties, in all the result of more than 15,000 questionnaires sent out over a four-year period. With such a wide array of specialties covered, this issue of *Connecticut Magazine* makes a very good place to begin your search for medical help.

As always, it needs to be said that every physician who makes the list is a good one, or at least a recommended one, but not every good physician in the state necessarily makes the list. Because of that, we suggest you use this list as a reference, not the final word. You must ultimately do your own due diligence and decide which doctor is right for you or your loved one.
