



# spotlight on health

## America's Top Doctors—List Released

(NAPS)—If you were critically ill, or had a problem no one could diagnose and you wanted to find the best doctor in the entire U.S. to treat your illness, how would you go about doing it?

*America's Top Doctors* is an extensive new guide to the nation's top medical specialists—the kind of physicians that people seek out because of their special expertise and national reputations.

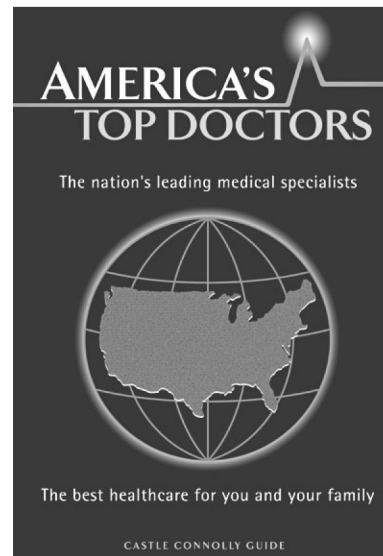
This unique guide includes information on close to 4,000 top specialists who treat nearly 1,700 diseases and problems, from asthma and macular degeneration to multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease. The nation's top referral specialists are categorized by specialty, sub-specialty and region. It's the latest work from Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., the research and information company behind the renowned Castle Connolly *Top Doctors* series of regional guides to finding the best healthcare.

While the regional guides recognize that healthcare is generally chosen locally, close to where you live or work, it's also true that critical and complex illnesses require special expertise. In such cases, an individual often can and will travel anywhere to be treated by a top specialist for their condition—which is where this guide can be indispensable.

The physicians included in *America's Top Doctors* were nominated through extensive mail and phone surveys by their peers: leading specialists, sub-specialists, chiefs of service, residency program directors, deans of medical schools and more.

They were then chosen after a rigorous and comprehensive review process by the Castle Connolly physician-led research team. *Physicians do not and cannot pay to be included in this or any other Castle Connolly guide.*

*America's Top Doctors* provides vital information on each of its listed physicians including: medical school; residency; fellowships;



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physician's special expertise; board certification; hospital affiliations.

You'll also find:

- Profiles of some of the nation's outstanding medical centers and special hospitals.
- Descriptions of specialties and sub-specialties
- Maximizing your initial visit
- How to take advantage of clinical trials

Castle Connolly guides are highly respected and used not only by consumers—99 percent of whom state they trust the Guides as a source of healthcare information—but also by doctors themselves; it's used by 35 percent of listed physicians to make referrals. By focusing on top specialists, this latest guide can help you make a choice that could be one of the most important decisions of your life.

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