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If you care at all about your health, or the health of a loved one, this is a list you need to read — a list of physicians whom other physicians hold in the highest regard. It was compiled by the Washington, D.C.-based Center for the Study of Services (CSS), a non-profit consumer research organization that this fall will publish the book, *Best Physicians in the U.S.* In creating the list, CSS sent questionnaires to nearly all of the more than 10,000 office-based and hospital-based physicians in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties, asking each to commend specialists he or she would "consider most desirable for care of a loved one." It includes doctors mentioned by the largest numbers of their peers, and the number of times each was mentioned. Physicians are listed according to the specialty for which they were recommended, and a few were mentioned in more than one specialty.

The list also includes the specialties in which each doctor is "board certified," as reported in the most recent American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) directory. The list does not show board certifications for osteopathic physicians (D.O.'s), because D.O. board certifications differ from those conducted by ABMS.

Something to note: Although CSS has checked all listed information with either the ABMS or the doctor's office, there may be some inaccuracies, especially since some information changes over time. It is also possible that CSS may not have identified every case in which a doctor was board certified. So it's a good idea to verify facts with any doctor you are considering.

Obviously, there are some possible biases in a list like this. Doctors could recommend close colleagues or other doctors with whom they have financially beneficial referral arrangements. Since we asked the surveyed doctors to recommend two specialists in each of the specialty fields, however, it is likely that most doctors mentioned many specialists with whom they had no financial connection.

Finally, while this list is an excellent starting point in your search for a specialist, it's always a good idea to consult with your primary caregiver.

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Beck, Morris

(14 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Switzerland, 1957. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Miami, 305-595-0109; Plantation, 954-452-9800; Boca Raton, 561-368-2915.

Benenati, Susan V.

(8 mentions) Univ. South Florida, 1984. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Pembroke Pines, 954-430-0580; South Miami, 305-665-1623.

Cox, Linda S.

(5 mentions) Northwestern Univ., 1965. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Fort Lauderdale, 954-771-0928.

Eisermann, Kathryn

(9 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Germany, 1982. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Hollywood, 954-430-0580; South Miami, 305-665-1623.

Faraci, John

(6 mentions) Univ. Kentucky, 1980. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-627-4767; Jupiter, 561-744-7448; Palm City, 561-288-6644.

Friedman, Stuart A.

(18 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Spain, 1976. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Delray Beach, 561-495-2580; Boca Raton, 561-391-0005.

Gluck, Joan C.

(14 mentions) New York Univ., 1972. Homebased, 305-279-3366; Miami, 305-279-3366; Miami, 305-279-3366; Miami Beach, 305-279-3366.

Gonzalez, Gabriel

(11 mentions) Univ. Puerto Rico, 1977. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Loxahatchee, 561-790-2258; Palm Beach Gardens, 561-624-2919.

Klimas, Nancy

(6 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1980. Certification: Clinical & Laboratory Immunology, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-243-5919.

Lamas, Ana M.

(6 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1983. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Hialeah, 305-822-3761; Miami, 305-379-6405.

Louie, Steven

(8 mentions) State Univ. New York, Stony Brook, 1978. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Atlantis, 561-965-6685.

Mirmelli, Philip C.

(10 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1973. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Hollywood, 954-981-9180; Miami Beach, 305-538-8339.

Pacin, Michael P.

(10 mentions) Washington Univ., 1969. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Homestead, 305-279-3366; Miami, 305-279-3366.

Piniella, Carlos

(5 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1988.

Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Hialeah, 305-836-4453; Miami, 305-255-9577.

Roberson, Clive

(8 mentions) Duke Univ., 1961. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Jupiter, 561-747-5057; West Palm Beach, 561-655-4450; Wellington, 561-792-5437; Stuart, 561-220-8884.

Stein, Mark R.

(27 mentions) Jefferson Med. College, 1968. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Loxahatchee, 561-795-2006; North Palm Beach, 561-626-2006; West Palm Beach, 561-659-5916; Stuart, 561-221-3900.

Tucker, Daniel

(4 mentions) Duke Univ., 1958. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. West Palm Beach, 561-835-0055.

Wallace, Dana V.

(10 mentions) Univ. Tennessee, 1972. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Pediatrics. Fort Lauderdale, 954-963-5363.

Weiner, Howard M.

(8 mentions) Univ. Cincinnati, 1971. Certification: Allergy & Immunology, Internal Medicine. Boca Raton, 561-451-0200.

ANESTHESIOLOGY

Amaranath, L.

(4 mentions) Foreign Med. School, India, 1963. Certification: Anesthesiology, Fort Lauderdale, 954-978-5244.

Cooney, John

(5 mentions) Mayo Med. School, 1977. Certification: Anesthesiology. West Palm Beach, 561-848-3861.

Feuer, Ileana, DO

(4 mentions) New York College Osteopathic Med., 1986. Lake Worth, 561-967-4600.

Lipton, George

(4 mentions) Washington Univ., 1968. Certification: Anesthesiology. Hollywood, 954-987-5665.

Luck, George

(5 mentions) Tulane Univ., 1984. Certification: Anesthesiology. Boca Raton, 561-395-7100.

Szeinfeld, Marcos

(5 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Uruguay, 1974. Certification: Anesthesiology, Pain Management. Fort Lauderdale, 954-493-5048.

Warheit, Peter

(4 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Mexico, 1979. Certification: Anesthesiology. Delray Beach, 561-495-3149.

Wittels, S. Howard

(6 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1980. Certification: Anesthesiology. Miami Beach, 305-674-2070.

CARDIAC SURGERY

Burke, Redmond

(10 mentions) Harvard Univ., 1984. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami, 305-663-8401.

Downing, T. Peter

(10 mentions) George Washington

Univ., 1974. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-694-6911.

Green, Robert A.

(12 mentions) Univ. Michigan, 1968. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Fort Lauderdale, 954-733-3810.

Hill, Fontaine S.

(10 mentions) Univ. Tennessee, 1977. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami, 305-596-2181.

Jude, James R.

(13 mentions) Univ. Minnesota, 1953. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami, 305-854-7374.

Lamelas, Joseph

(16 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Dominican Republic, 1982. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami, 305-225-0585.

Lester III, J. Lancelot

(14 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1969. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Atlantis, 561-433-0009.

Tabry, Imad F.

(10 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Lebanon, 1970. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Fort Lauderdale, 954-462-4413.

Traad, Ernest

(12 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Colombia, 1957. Certification: Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami Beach, 305-674-2780.

Williams, Donald

(20 mentions) Jefferson Med. College, 1974. Certification: Anatomic & Clinical Pathology, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery. Miami Beach, 305-674-2780.

CARDIOLOGY

Agatston, Arthur

(4 mentions) New York Univ., 1973. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami Beach, 305-674-2150; Aventura, 305-932-5230.

Bartzokis, Thomas C.

(7 mentions) Harvard Univ., 1983. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Boca Raton, 561-368-4444.

Berlin, Howard

(8 mentions) Jefferson Med. College, 1975. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Hollywood, 954-981-3331; Pembroke Pines, 954-437-9116.

Blacher, Lawrence

(11 mentions) Albert Einstein College Med., 1978. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-279-4500.

Bush, Howard

(11 mentions) New York Med. College, 1989. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Fort Lauderdale, 954-978-5124.

Castriz, Jorge

(5 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Dominican Republic, 1984. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-622-3875.

De Marchena, Eduardo

(5 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1980.

Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-585-5535.

Enrich, Norman

(4 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Canada, 1976. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Critical Care Medicine, Internal Medicine. West Palm Beach, 561-478-1104; Atlantis, 561-434-3070.

Feldman, Stanley

(6 mentions) State Univ. New York, Buffalo, 1967. Certification: Internal Medicine. Lauderdale Lakes, 954-739-9494.

Fernandes, Hilaire L.

(5 mentions) Foreign Med. School, India, 1971. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Plantation, 954-587-4112.

Flalkow, Jonathan

(5 mentions) Boston Univ., 1985. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-275-8200.

Funt, David

(4 mentions) New York Univ., 1979. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Boca Raton, 561-483-8335.

Gardner, Mark

(4 mentions) New York Univ., 1986. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Boynton Beach, 561-735-4126.

Halpern, Barry

(4 mentions) Univ. of Pennsylvania, 1963. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. South Miami, 305-661-8539.

Hamburg, Curtis

(9 mentions) Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1978. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-595-6211.

Hanney, Dennis

(5 mentions) Kirksville College Osteopathic Medicine, 1976. West Palm Beach, 561-848-9797.

Iskowitz, Steven, DO

(4 mentions) Univ. Pittsburgh, 1981. Certification: Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatrics. Margate, 954-972-1600.

Jaffe, Jonathan

(5 mentions) Foreign Med. School, South Africa, 1971. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Hollywood, 954-961-0190.

Krasner, Stephen E.

(5 mentions) Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1980. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Atlantis, 561-967-5266; Loxahatchee, 561-798-4900.

Lewis, Michael

(4 mentions) New Jersey Med. School, 1975. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Boca Raton, 561-391-9989.

Musaffi, Albert

(7 mentions) New York Univ., 1980. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Atlantis, 561-967-5033; Loxahatchee, 561-798-4900.

Myerburg, Robert J.

(5 mentions) Univ. Maryland, 1961. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami,

305-585-5556; 305-585-5523.

Nath, Colin

(6 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Jamaica, 1978. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Fort Lauderdale, 954-978-5290.

Pastoriza, Jorge

(4 mentions) Univ. of Miami, 1976. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-595-5558.

Price, Richard

(6 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Belgium, 1979. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-626-5606; Jupiter, 561-747-5606.

Roberts, Jonathan

(8 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1982. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-279-4500.

Roth, Stephen

(4 mentions) Univ. Pennsylvania, 1974. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Hollywood, 954-989-4700.

Russo, Charles D.

(11 mentions) New York Univ., 1981. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Fort Lauderdale, 954-772-2136.

Schneider, Ricky

(6 mentions) Yale Univ., 1977. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Tamarac, 954-721-6666.

Segall, Peter H.

(6 mentions) Foreign Med. School, Canada, 1973. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Miami Beach, 305-538-8504.

Steiner, David

(4 mentions) New York Med. College, 1988. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Hollywood, 954-989-4700.

Varnell Jr., James

(7 mentions) Univ. Florida, 1971. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-627-3130.

Wanka, Joseph

(4 mentions) Foreign Med. School, United Kingdom, 1959. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Oakland Park, 954-771-3790.

Warshall, Steven

(4 mentions) Univ. Health Sciences, Chicago, 1973. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Palm Beach Gardens, 561-848-2254.

Zelcer, Alan

(4 mentions) New York Univ., 1981. Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine. Delray Beach, 561-495-7230.

DERMATOLOGY

Crowell, Judith

(6 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1987. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-274-2602.

Di Bacco, Robert

(6 mentions) West Virginia Univ., 1976. Certification: Dermatology, Internal. Lake Worth, 561-969-7300.

Duarte, Ana

(5 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1988. Certification: Dermatology, Pediatrics. Miami, 305-669-6555; Weston, 954-385-6274.

Eichler, Craig

(5 mentions) Univ. Florida, 1989. Certification: Dermatology. Fort Lauderdale, 954-978-5264.

Fayne, Scott

(7 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1983. Certification: Dermatology. Jupiter, 561-746-9500; Palm Beach Gardens, 561-622-3555.

Green, Howard

(5 mentions) Boston Univ., 1985. Certification: Internal Medicine. West Palm Beach, 561-859-1510; Palm Beach Gardens, 561-622-6976; Atlantis, 561-964-9671.

Hacker, Steven

(7 mentions) Univ. Florida, 1989. Certification: Dermatology. Boca Raton, 561-477-0197; Delray Beach, 561-276-3111.

Hertz, Ken

(6 mentions) Harvard Univ., 1972. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-271-7800.

Indgin, Sidney

(6 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1964. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-670-0146.

Kinney, John P.

(5 mentions) Univ. Texas/Southwestern, 1967. Certification: Dermatology. West Palm Beach, 561-840-4600.

Kirsner, Robert

(5 mentions) Univ. Miami, 1988. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-243-6704.

Kramer, Karl J.

(7 mentions) Johns Hopkins Univ., 1969. Certification: Dermatology, Internal Medicine. Miami, 305-279-6088.

Margulies, Michael C.

(6 mentions) Jefferson Med. College, 1971. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-595-0393.

Perez, Gregory

(10 mentions) Mayo Med. School, 1991. Certification: Dermatology. Fort Lauderdale, 954-771-0582.

Porter, Wayne

(6 mentions) Duke Univ., 1973. Certification: Dermatology, Internal Medicine. North Miami Beach, 305-949-4223.

Price, Debra E.

(5 mentions) New York Univ., 1980. Certification: Dermatology. Miami, 305-670-1111.

Rabinovitz, Harold S.

(8 mentions) Univ. of Miami, 1977. Certification: Dermatology. Plantation, 954-473-6750; Aventura, 305-933-5950.

Rendon-Pellerano, Marta

(7 mentions) Univ. Puerto Rico, 1982. Certification: Dermatology, Internal Medicine. Fort Lauderdale, 954-978-5264.

Rosenberg, Steven P.

(6 mentions) Albert Einstein College of Med., 1975. Certification: Dermatology. West Palm Beach, 561-640-4400.

Schachner, Lawrence

(10 mentions) Univ. Nebraska, 1972. Certification: Dermatology,