

# Checklist for Choosing a Physician

---

**Is this physician accepting new patients?**

**Is this physician part of my health plan or network?**

**Is this physician able to work at the hospital that I like?**

**Is this physician board certified? Does this physician have the background/training that I need to meet MY needs?**

**Is it easy to talk with this physician? Did he/she listen to me when I asked questions?**

**Does this physician wash their hands before the start of each exam?**

**Is this physician easy to access? How quickly can I get in if I need to be seen right away?**

**Do other physicians use this doctor for their own care (you can ask the office manager or nurse)?**

**Can this physician recommend another doctor, if he/she is unable to take new patients or unable to meet my specific needs?**

**Does the physician have a financial interest involved in a referral treatment or other care?**