

## PHYSICIAN SEARCH TOOL



## How do we know certain details about our network physicians?

Our credentialing department verifies certain information about a physician before he or she joins our provider network. The following information is collected on a physician's application to join our network and confirmed during our initial credentialing process. At least every three years, our providers, including physicians, are "re-credentialed," meaning we re-validate the information, checking to make sure it remains accurate. We also update the information within 30 days if a physician notifies us of a change. We make this information available to you so you have access to detailed information about the physicians in the Peoples Health provider network.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY

This tells which healthcare services the physician provides. It is the physician's education, training and expertise in a specialized area of medicine. A primary care physician is your general doctor who oversees your care. A specialist physician provides healthcare services for a specific condition or part of the body.

## **HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS**

A physician is affiliated with a hospital if the physician is a member of the hospital's medical staff.

## MEDICAL GROUP AFFILIATIONS

Our network physicians let us know what medical physician groups they are part of.

## **BOARD CERTIFICATIONS**

Our network physicians are encouraged to be board-certified. Board certification demonstrates a physician's exceptional expertise in an area of practice. According to the American Board of Medical Specialties, board certification challenges physicians to focus on the continuous development of their skill set, especially those skills that enable them to perform effectively in inter-professional teams, integrated systems of care and community settings.

## **ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS**

Our network physicians let us know whether they are available to see new patients.

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Our network physicians let us know which languages are spoken in their offices, either by a physician or by other clinical or nonclinical staff in the office.



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# HOW TO USE THE PHYSICIAN SEARCH TOOL



### **Search Fields**

#### **PHYSICIAN LAST NAME**

To search for a physician by name, fill in the Physician Last Name field with your physician's name. For the most accurate results, type at least the first two letters of the physician's last name.

#### PROVIDER/SERVICE TYPE

Select an option from the Provider/Service Type drop-down menu to find physicians who offer a specific service.

#### WITHIN APPROXIMATELY: ZIP CODE

To find a physician close to your home, search by your ZIP code. You may choose a radius of 1, 5, 10, 25 or 30 miles, or you may use your current location. This helps match a physician's office location to your area.

#### **ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS/PRIMARY CARE**

You also have the option to limit your search to only primary care physicians or to only those physicians accepting new patients.

#### **ADDITIONAL SEARCH OPTIONS**

Clicking the **View additional search options** button reveals the following fields:

#### **CITY OR PARISH**

You may use the City OR Parish drop-down menus instead of the ZIP code field to find a physician in your area. **NOTE**: You may use only ONE search option at a time—ZIP Code OR City OR Parish.

#### PHYSICIAN HOSPITAL AFFILIATION

If you're used to going to a certain hospital, you can limit your search to only physicians affiliated with that hospital. Just choose your preference from the Physician Hospital Affiliation drop-down menu.

#### **PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY**

A specialist is a physician who provides care for a specific condition or part of the body. This specialized care is called the physician's "specialty." Select an option from the Physician Specialty drop-down menu to find physicians based on their specialty.

#### **MEDICAL GROUP**

To find a physician who is part of a particular physician group, choose your option from the Medical Group drop-down menu.

#### **LANGUAGE**

Select an option from the Language drop-down menu to find physicians who fluently speak (or whose clinical staff speaks) your preferred language. The results of your search will display all of the languages spoken in the physician's office.

#### **GENDER**

If you'd like to search solely for female physicians or male physicians, choose your option from the Gender drop-down menu.

#### **TEAM**

To find physicians based on their physician team, choose a physician team from the Team dropdown menu.

After you've selected your options to define your search, click the Search button.



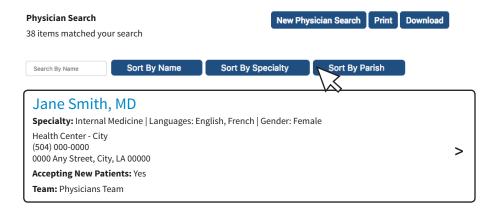


# ADDITIONAL SORTING OPTIONS AND DETAILS



## **Sorting Options**

In the search results chart, you can search the page by name and sort the results by physician name, by specialty or by parish.



## **Physician Details**

Click a name on the search results page for more information about the physician.

Physician's Name: Jane Smith, MD

**Gender:** Female

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Hospitals: New Orleans East Hospital, Ochsner Medical Center - Westbank, Touro Infirmary, West Jefferson

**Medical Center** 

**Physician for:** Peoples Health Choices 65 #14 (HMO), Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO), Peoples Health Choices Select (HMO), Peoples Health Group Medicare (HMO-POS), Peoples Health Secure Choice #011 (HMO SNP), Peoples Health Secure Health (HMO SNP), PHN Employee Plan

**Board Certifications: AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE** 

For more information regarding certification, click here http://www.abms.org/

Medicaid Provider: This provider is a Louisiana Medicaid provider,

per information from http://www.peopleshealth.com/lamedicaidproviders.

**Team:** Physicians Team

Welcoming New Patients: Yes
PCP or Specialist: Primary Care

**Specialty:** Family Practice