



Doctor Locators by Specialty



Paralysis encompasses many primary and secondary conditions and thus many types of doctors may be needed for comprehensive care of patients with paralysis. There are many ways to search for physicians who treat people with paralysis. First you may want

to check your health insurer's website of providers which may include reviews of the health care practitioner from patients. Hospital websites may also allow you to search for doctors in their network and may also have ratings or reviews from patients.

The [Commission of Accredited Rehabilitation Facilities](#) (CARF) can help you find accredited rehab facilities though it does not list individual physicians. Likewise, the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) (MSKTC) lists model spinal cord injury facilities but does not list individual doctors.

You may want to ask people in local peer support groups for their recommendations. Your general practitioner may be able to give you a recommendation to a specialist.

The Reeve Foundation's booklet [Restoring Hope: Preparing for Rehabilitation After Spinal Cord Injury](#) has a list of the different types of healthcare providers you may encounter and provides a description of each type (see pp. 2-4).

General (Search for multiple specialties)

American Medical Association: DoctorFinder

<https://apps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/recaptcha.do>

Searching is free. Also available in a 4-volume print set as The Directory of Physicians in the United States.

American Board of Medical Specialties: Certification Matters – Is My Doctor Board Certified?

<https://www.certificationmatters.org/find-my-doctor/>

The ABMS database of board-certified physicians can be searched to see if your doctor is board certified by an ABMS specialty board. It is not meant to be used as a doctor locator.

Craig Hospital: Changing or Choosing Your Doctor

<https://craighospital.org/resources/changing-or-choosing-your-doctor>

Medicare.gov: Physician Compare

<http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-doctor/provider-search.aspx>

A searchable database of physicians and other healthcare providers who accept Medicare.

MedlinePlus: Directories

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/directories.html>

MedlinePlus provides links to help people locate medical libraries, health professionals, services and facilities.

Disability Evaluating Physicians

International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators (formerly known as [American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians](#))

<http://www.iaime.org>

3606 SE 151st Court
Vancouver, WA 98683
Phone: 844-48-IAIME (42463)
Toll-free: 800-456-6095
Email: iaime@iaime.org

IAIME produces educational courses and products on such issues as the proper techniques to perform impairment ratings based on the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment.

Home Care

American Academy of Home Care Medicine

<https://www.aahcm.org/>
6728 Old McLean Village Drive
McLean, VA 22101
Phone: 855-576-8482
Email: info@aahcm.org

Members of the American Academy of Home Care Medicine include home care physicians – physicians who make house calls, care for homebound patients, act as home health agency medical directors, or who refer patients to home care agencies. Specialties include internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, geriatrics, psychiatry, emergency medicine, and more.

Neurosurgery

American Association of Neurological Surgeons: Find a Board-Certified Neurosurgeon

<https://www.aans.org/patients/>

The AANS database of board-certified neurosurgeons can be searched by provider name, specialty, and/or location.

Physiatry (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)

Physiatrists specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

<https://www.abpmr.org/Subspecialties/SCIM>.

Physiatrists can get a subspecialty certification in 7 categories, including spinal cord injury medicine, pain medicine and pediatric rehabilitation medicine. For more information about the spinal cord injury subspecialty see the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's section on Spinal Cord Injury Medicine at

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Find a PM&R Physician

https://members.aapmr.org/AAPMR/AAPMR_FINDER.aspx

A database of physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists that can be searched by provider name and/or location.

Respiratory Physicians

Pulmonologists specialize in lung and respiratory disorders. Pulmonology is a certification given by the American Board of Internal Medicine. A physician locator service is not offered so please see WebMD's physician locator and search for pulmonology providers.

www.abim.org

Wound Care

American Board of Wound Management

<http://www.abwmcertified.org/>

1800 M St., NW

Suite 400S

Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-457-8408

You can use their locator function to find a health care professional or physician certified by them at: <https://abwmcertified.org/find-a-specialist/>

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