

Health Care Evaluations

These websites let you evaluate information for a specific doctor or medical group based on the specific measure supported by each of the sites. This can help you to make a more informed choice in selecting a health care provider.

<http://www.opa.ca.gov>

The Office of the Patient Advocate (OPA) is an independent office in state government charged with informing and educating consumers about their rights and responsibilities as HMO enrollees. The OPA provides ratings on medical group performance on the care and service their patients receive. A medical group's individual Quality Report Card is available to assist you in making the best informed decision about your healthcare needs.

Once you have entered the OPA Web Site, you may use these brief instructions for information regarding physician/medical group quality. Select the "Quality Report Card" folder tab, then click on the underscored "Doctors and Medical Groups" in blue directly below the folder tabs. Click on the bullet "Medical Group Ratings," then select the preferred county/geographical area using the pull-down menu.

The Administrators in Medicine (AIM) DocFinder

DocFinder allows you to look up a physician's licensing background and disciplinary information. This includes detailed medical malpractice, hospital discipline and criminal conviction information.

DocFinder provides the only combined public online physician database in the United States that uses data from state licensing boards as its direct source of information.

Medical Board of California

The Medical Board of California contains the licensing background and disciplinary information of physicians and other health care practitioners from state government licensing boards.