

Finding a Doctor Just Got Easier

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ([IDFPR](#)) recently launched a website which contains profiles of physicians currently licensed in Illinois. A previous version of the site, which was available between 2008 and 2010, averaged 150,000 hits per week! That site was removed due to a Supreme Court decision. The new Patients' Right to Know Act, which became law earlier this year, restored consumers' right to access this information.

The new site is easy to use and provides important information for consumers. Searches can be done by a doctor's name, field of specialty, practice region or hospital affiliation. The site makes it easy to find a physician, check his or her background, and make informed decisions about health care providers.

The IDFPR provides information from their records regarding the physician's legal name, date of original license, current license status, expiration date of license, any disciplinary action in Illinois & other states, misdemeanor & felony convictions, and any malpractice convictions or settlements.

Additionally, the site provides access to information that all Illinois licensed physicians are required to report to the IDFPR, including their primary office location, hospital affiliations, whether they accept Medicare or Medicaid patients, if they are Board Certified, their medical school and any post graduate education. More information may be available at the discretion of the physician.

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