

Search term definitions.

Name. The name of a physician is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming board certification through the web site of the American Board of Medical Specialties. This information is accurate and has no limitations.

Gender. The gender of a physician is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming board certification through the web site of the American Board of Medical Specialties. This information is accurate and has no limitations.

Specialty. The specialty of a physician is the area of medicine where a physician is highly trained and is based on the post-graduate training received following graduation from medical school. This is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming board certification on the American Board of Medical Specialties Web site. This information is accurate and has no limitations

Hospital affiliations. The hospital affiliation of a physician is the hospital where a physician can admit patients. It is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming information about physicians. This information is accurate and has no limitations.

Medical group affiliations, if applicable. The medical group affiliation of a physician is the medical organization of which a physician is a member. It is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming information about physicians. This information is accurate and has no limitations.

Board certification. The board certification of a physician is the recognition by a national specialty certifying organization that the physician has had the appropriate training and has passed an exam for that specialty that is valid until the expiration date. This certification with expiration date of a physician is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming board certification through the web site of the American Board of Medical Specialties. This information is accurate and has no limitations. Members can personally verify the board certification status of a physician at the web site of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) at <http://www.abms.org>.

Accepting new patients. Some physicians have such large practices that they do not accept new patients and close their panels. GHC-SCW determines which staff model physicians have open/closed panels and are accepting new patients. All other external Dane, Sauk and Columbia County providers contracted with GHC-SCW make these determinations for the physicians in their clinics. This information is generally accurate but may be inaccurate between the time a physician's practice is opened or closed and updates are made to the web site.

Languages spoken by the practitioner or clinical staff. GHC-SCW's online directories provide language information on what practitioners speak based on self-reported information. All external Dane, Sauk and Columbia county providers supply this information to GHC-SCW for the physicians in their clinics. Members can search for and choose a practitioner based on their language preference if available. The accuracy of this information is limited to practitioner self-reporting.

Office locations and Phone Numbers. The office location and phone number of a practitioner is confirmed by the GHC-SCW MSC during the annual process of confirming board certification through the web site of the American Board of Medical Specialties. This information is accurate at the time of publication or posting and may be inaccurate at intervals between directory updates for changes in office location.