



**Can you tell which of these belongs to a physician?
It's not easy.**

There are many different health care professionals now using the title “Dr.” or “doctor” who are not physicians. Physicians complete four years of undergraduate training, four years of medical school, and between 3-6 years of internships and residencies in order to specialize in their field.

If you intend to be seen by a physician,
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, recommends the following:

- ❖ Request to see the physician when you schedule your appointment.
- ❖ At your appointment, check your doctor’s lab coat and/or wall diploma to make sure there is an “M.D.” or “D.O.” following the doctor’s name.
- ❖ You may also visit the Maryland Board of Physicians website at www.mbp.state.md.us to see if a doctor is a physician. Go to “search practitioner profiles” on the home page.

There is a difference between health care professionals who call themselves “doctors” and physicians.

You deserve to know the difference.

You deserve to receive the care you expect.

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