2016 AMGA Medical Group Compensation and Productivity Survey
Instructions and Data Definitions

General Information

- Report data effective as of January 1, 2016.
- The completed survey questionnaire is due by April 1, 2016.
- Target date for issuance of final report: June 30, 2016.
- Survey period: calendar year 2015 or most recently completed fiscal year.
- For questions regarding the survey, contact the following individual:
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Key Changes to 2016 Survey

- Individual Physician Compensation and Productivity Data – ASA Units (Column 18) was added to ensure proper reporting of anesthesiology production. Clinical Hours Worked (Column 24) for hospital-based specialists was added. Detailed definitions for these columns are below.
- Other Health Care Provider Compensation and Productivity Data (APCs/Midlevels) – ASA Units (Column 10) was added to ensure proper reporting of CRNA production. An Independent Practitioner (Column 16) indicator was added. Detailed definitions for these columns are below.
- Starting Provider Salaries – Physician ID (Column 1), Clinical FTE (Column 3), Student Loan Forgiveness Amount (Column 7), and Date of Hire (Column 8) were added. Detailed definitions for these columns are below.
- New Specialties / Specialty Clarification – Integrative Medicine (1205) has been added. Definition modifications were made to Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (2215), Hepatology (1183), and Transplant Surgery – Liver (2310).

Overall Instructions

1. Please use the specialty number listing found in this document.

2. **Do not gross up partial FTE or salaries, productivity, patient visits and consultations or work RVUs to annualized figures.** This will be done by AMGA Consulting.

3. Please fill out as much of the survey as possible. We realize that there may be portions of the survey you may not be able to answer. Please also note that we intend to create a new section of the survey for NPs and PAs by the specialty in which they work, and to provide regional and group size information, so make sure to include your data for NPs and PAs.

4. All returned surveys will be retained in a confidential file by AMGA Consulting. Only summarized information from the aggregate database will be reported.
Section Descriptions

This survey questionnaire is divided into four sections.

1. **Individual Physician Compensation and Productivity Data** for physician data from January through December 2015 or your medical group’s most recent fiscal year. A list of physician specialties is provided.

2. **Other Health Care Provider Compensation and Productivity Data (APCs/Midlevels)** for other provider data from January through December 2015 or your medical group’s most recent fiscal year. A list of “other provider” specialties is provided.

3. **Starting Provider Salaries** for positions filled from January through December 2015.

4. **Compensation Profile** relates to your compensation plan, revenue mix and general information about your medical group.

As a survey participant, you will receive a complimentary hard copy survey report and custom survey comparing your data to the survey population. The hard copy survey report contains national and regional summary tables of clinical compensation, gross productivity, work RVUs and productivity ratios for physician specialties and advanced practice clinicians. It also contains national summary tables of net collections, patient visits and fringe benefits for physician specialties. Additionally, the hard copy survey report contains new hire base compensation data and base, bonus and total compensation for administrative positions.

AMGA Consulting, LLC gathers data pursuant to this questionnaire for purposes described on the AMGA website. AMGA Consulting keeps the information provided in this questionnaire confidential, as described herein. The data you provide are reported in AMGA Consulting’s surveys in the form of aggregated summary statistics. No organization’s data are listed or reported in any identifiable way. The survey report is based on data, provided by survey participants, that are more than three months old, and each disseminated statistic is based on data from at least five organizations. Furthermore, the information is sufficiently aggregated so that no organization’s data can be identified in the survey report.

In addition, data gathered for the survey report described above may also be used by AMGA Consulting for research purposes, including, but not limited to, publication of national reports, customized reports and to supplement other AMGA Consulting surveys and reports. In such a case, individual data may be used or disclosed in a non-summary form; however, in such instances, the data will be purged of any identifying information and no non-aggregated data will be reported. For proper attribution, your organization will be included as a listed participant in any survey or report in which your data are included.
Section I: Individual Physician Compensation and Productivity

Column 1  Physician ID.

This code is used to identify each physician from year to year. Please provide a code that identifies the physician to your organization only. **Do not use the physician’s full Social Security number.**

Column 2  Specialty Number.

This is the specialty number for each physician related to the area of medicine the physician practices. Refer to the specialty number listing that follows these instructions. **Please remember to review these physician assignments to ensure an accurate submission.**

Column 3  Department Chair (Y or N).

Indicate whether or not this physician is a department chair. A department chair is a provider who is considered the chair of the department for each specialty. Within large departments, there may be more than one identified department chair. Department chairs are responsible for the financial and operating results achieved by the department. This is not a section head position or any other position that has broader-level responsibilities and that may oversee an entire set of departments or a set of specialties.

Column 4  Clinical FTE.

Clinical FTE is the full-time equivalent percentage of the individual physician’s time spent in clinical work. Full-time clinical (1.0 FTE) is defined as a physician fulfilling your organization’s minimum requirements for classification as a full-time patient care employee (e.g., 36 hours of patient care activities per week). Many physicians work above this minimum level, but the reported FTE will not exceed 1.0. Other adjustments to this FTE status will not be common, but include the following:

- Physicians receiving more than four weeks of short-term disability, maternity, sabbatical, military level, etc. Vacation, holidays, allowed sick days and other normal benefits for time off will not affect the FTE status.

- A physician working in an operational administrative role that affects the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0 FTEs. This adjustment is intended for physician administrators with organizational or possibly section-wide administrative responsibilities, and who typically have a separate salary identified. No adjustments are to be made for department chairs or for physicians serving on committees that do not materially affect clinical expectations. For example, a physician administrator who is 50% clinical and 50% administrative would be 0.5 clinical FTE.

- Physicians performing specific research activities, funded separately by the medical practice, that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0. These physicians have clear, separate material research responsibilities outside of their clinical expectations.

- A physician performing specific administrative teaching activities, such as tutoring or lecturing, which are not performed during patient care activities, and that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0. These activities are funded separately by the medical practice. These adjustments are not for typical supervision and resident training while performing patient care activities (rounding, office visits, etc).

Keep in mind there are many organizations that inherently have less intensive administrative committee work, research or teaching responsibilities blended in with their physician’s role and salary, while still expecting 1.0 clinical performance. Our intent is not to try to break out such fine detail, but to capture the clear, material instances for certain individual physicians.
Column 5  Admin FTE.

Admin FTE is the full-time equivalent percentage of the individual physician’s time spent in a significant administrative role. Many physicians will have 0.0 admin FTE. Only in the case of a physician working in an administrative role that affects the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0 FTEs should this be included. This value is intended for physician administrators with organizational or possibly section-wide administrative responsibilities, and who typically have a separate salary identified. Admin FTE should not be counted for department chairs or for physicians serving on committees that do not materially affect clinical expectations. For example, a physician administrator who is 50% clinical and 50% administrative would be 0.5 admin FTE.

Column 6  Academic FTE.

Academic FTE is the full-time equivalent percentage of the individual physician's time spent in a significant teaching or research role. Only in the case of a physician performing specific research activities, funded separately by the medical practice, that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0 FTEs should this be included. These physicians have clear, separate material teaching or research responsibilities outside of their clinical expectations, which are not performed during patient care activities, and that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0. These adjustments are not for typical supervision and resident training while performing patient care activities (rounding, office visits, etc).

Column 7  Total FTE.

Total FTE should be the sum of columns 4 through 6. Only report providers with a 0.5 Total FTE or greater. Please note that in some cases a providers FTEs may add up to more than 1.0 FTE although this should be the exception.

Note of purpose for Columns 8 through 15: Interest in breaking out various compensation components came from several participating organizations. It is important that all clinics report data in Column 8 as they have in the past. Columns 9 through 15 are optional, and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.

Column 8  Total Clinical Compensation.

Total Clinical Compensation is the total annual clinical compensation of the individual physician, including base and variable compensation plus all voluntary salary reductions. Examples of clinical compensation would include, but are not limited to, compensation paid as salary- or production-based compensation plans, any type of additional bonuses or incentives, clinically related medical directorships, call coverage or ancillary or APC supervision stipends.

Exclude any fringe benefits and employer payments to any type of retirement, pension, SERP or tax-deferred profit-sharing plan.

Although the reported compensation should be all-inclusive for most physicians, participants should also exclude specific instances of the following:

- Specific compensation for administrative physicians whose clinical FTE status was adjusted as defined in Column 4, and whose admin FTE status is not 0 as defined in Column 5. The excluded amount should relate to the amount of the admin FTE.

- Specific compensation for teaching and research physicians whose clinical FTE status was adjusted as defined in Column 4, and whose academic FTE status is not 0 as defined in Column 6. The excluded amount should relate to the amount of the academic FTE.

- Do not include any signing bonuses recognized from a prior year hire.
A specific instance where the physician performs “moonlighting.” Moonlighting duties include duties not related to the physician’s specialty or department, duties performed outside of normal clinical hours and duties for which the physician is compensation outside of the medical group’s compensation plan. For example, a family practitioner works nights or weekends in the urgent care at a hospital for an hourly rate and production is not captured. There should be no FTE adjustment because this is done outside of the family practitioner’s practice. Please feel free to call AMGA Consulting with any questions.

*Do not annualize any staff physician or department chair reported as greater than or less than 1.0 clinical FTE. It is our expectation that participants report the clinical compensation in the same manner as prior years.*

**Column 9** Value-based Incentive Compensation (Optional).

If your organization provides payments to providers based on quality service or outcome measures as a separate component, provide the amount paid here. This compensation could be related to patient satisfaction, outcomes, HEDIS measures, access, diabetes management, etc. This compensation is not separate from the clinical FTE as reported in Column 4 and is included in the Column 8 clinical compensation amount. Column 9 is optional and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.

**Column 10** Medical Directorship Compensation (Optional).

Medical directorship compensation is all compensation paid for medical directorship duties. Medical directorship duties would include performing clinical related responsibilities for other areas such as ASCs, home care services, hospice, hospital service lines (labs, imaging centers, etc.) and long-term care facilities. This compensation is not separate from the clinical FTE as reported in Column 4 and is included in the Column 8 Clinical Compensation amount. Medical directorship duties could include the following: attending meetings, clinical peer reviews, monitoring quality, technical and supervisory oversight, strategic development and clinical patient complaints. Column 10 is optional and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.

**Column 11** APC Supervision Compensation (Optional).

If your organization compensates for APC supervisory duties as a separate component, provide the amount paid here. This amount could include flat stipends, a portion of APC productivity or production net of cost methods. This compensation is not separate from the clinical FTE as reported in Column 4 and is included in the Column 8 clinical compensation amount. Column 11 is optional and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.

**Column 12** Call Pay (Optional).

If your organization compensates for call as a separate component, provide the amount paid here. This would include any call duties, standard or abnormal (additional call outside of typical expectations.) This compensation is not separate from the clinical FTE as reported in Column 4 and is included in the Column 8 clinical compensation amount. Column 12 is optional and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.

**Column 13** Other Non-CPT Code Patient Care Compensation (Optional).

Report any other amounts that your organization pays for non-billable patient care services. The following are examples of non-billable patient care services: stipends for travel, contract compensation for occupational health services, etc. This amount should be included in the Column 8 clinical compensation amount. Most organizations with a salary-based system will not be able to break out the data for this column.
Column 14  Administrative Compensation (Optional).

Report the actual annual salary or stipend paid to each provider for time spent performing significant administrative duties. Examples of administrative duties would be the duties of physician administrators, the group’s overall medical director, possible extensive committees requiring significant time, etc. Include any compensation related to an admin FTE status greater than 0. Do not include compensation for clinic-expected meetings that may have some monetary awards for attendance, but does not materially change clinical FTE expectations, as this is included in the clinical compensation Column 8.

Column 15  Academic/Research Compensation (Optional).

Report the actual annual salary or stipend paid to each provider for time spent performing significant research or teaching duties. Include any compensation related to an academic FTE status greater than 0.

Column 16  Total Compensation.

Total compensation is the total annual compensation of the individual provider, including base, variable, administrative, and teaching compensation plus all voluntary salary reductions. Examples of total compensation would include, but are not limited to, the following: compensation paid as salary- or production-based compensation plans, any type of additional bonuses or incentives, clinically related medical directorships, administrative stipends, research or teaching stipends, call coverage, ancillary or APC supervision stipends, moonlighting stipends and other unidentified compensation. The compensation reported in this column should equal reported W2 wages. Exclude any fringe benefits and employer payments to any type of retirement, pension, SERP or tax-deferred profit-sharing plan.

Column 17  Work RVUs.

Report calculated work relative value units (RVUs) as measured by the work resource based relative value scale (RBRVS), not weighted by a conversion factor attributed to ambulatory care, inpatient care or other professional services performed by each physician in the medical group, using the 2015 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) scale. A work relative value unit is a non-monetary unit of measure that indicates the professional value of services provided by a physician or allied health care professional. Report FTE physicians with at least a 0.5 clinical FTE at their actual RVU amount. See the Production Guideline Table under Column 19 as it applies to work RVUs. In order to make your work RVUs more compatible, all code frequencies with the modifiers described below should be adjusted by the indicated percentage. For example, a modifier of 80 (99210-80) indicates that the procedure was recorded as a surgery assist and therefore the department only received approximately 16.0% of the original RVU value. For occupational health physicians performing corporate or contracted services, either report RVU production for these services or indicate that they cannot be reported. If multiple modifiers are used, report work RVUs calculated using multiple modifiers.

Note regarding modifier 50: AMGA Consulting requests that participants adjust volume of CPT codes based on any modifiers attached to the individual codes. There is a special circumstance with modifier 50. Medicare reimburses the code with the modifier at 150%. Many other payers reimburse by a two-code combination: one code without the modifier at 100%, another code with the modifier at 50%. When reporting bilateral data, please adjust the Medicare volume appropriately to reflect proper volume (e.g., multiplying Medicare volume by three).
**RVU Modifier Adjustment Table**

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<td>Assistant at Surgery – Physician Assistant</td>
<td>14% (85% * 16%)</td>
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<td>50 or LT and RT</td>
<td>Bilateral Surgery</td>
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**Column 18  ASA Units.**

Report calculated ASA Units in this column for anesthesiology specialties. The ASA values should include base units and time components. Do not include CRNA-only performed activity. ASAs from cases performed as a team should be reported as 50% credit to the physician.

**Column 19  Patient Visits.**

Patient visits are the total number of patient visits during the calendar or most recent fiscal year. Patient visits are recorded as a face-to-face patient encounter. For surgical and anesthesia procedures, record the case as one visit and not the number of procedures performed. For global codes, such as deliveries, a visit should be recorded for each patient encounter in the global code. In the event that a patient visits two or more separate departments during the day and sees a physician in each department, this is recorded as a patient visit at each department. If a patient has only an ancillary service, as ordered by a physician, but has no personal physician contact, this should not be recorded as a physician patient visit (examples would be lab tests, EKGs, EEGs, injections, etc.). If the patient was seen only by a non-physician provider or technician, no visit should be recorded. Multiple visits by a single patient to a single physician during the same day are counted as only one visit. If your organization cannot exclude these types of visits, then please exclude all visit information. Report physicians with at least a 0.5 FTE at their actual visit or consultation amount.

**Column 20  Gross Charges.**

Gross charges are the total charges reported for services produced by the physician before such charges are reduced by courtesy allowances, employee discounts or non-collected accounts. Total charges are defined as the full dollar value, at the medical group’s established non-discounted rates, for services provided for all patients. Gross productivity should include the medical group’s full, non-discounted charges. Medicare charges should also be grossed up and not reported at the allowable charge. **These charges are for professional activities only, and thus should exclude retail income (e.g., optical, pharmacy), drugs, vaccines, etc. Productivity by various categories of physician extenders, such as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, CRNAs, etc., should also be excluded from the data. Charges should not include credits for the technical component of ancillary services. Technical procedures supervised, but not performed, by the physician should be excluded.** Charges for
codes with modifiers should be adjusted to reflect the modified amount. Report physicians with at least a 0.5 *clinical* FTE at their actual production amount. Guidelines for specific specialties are included below:

**Production Guidelines Table**

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<th>Specialty</th>
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<td>Do not include antigen billings for the following CPT codes: 95144, 95145, 95146, 95147, 95148, 95149, 95165 and 95170.</td>
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<td>Anesthesiology</td>
<td>Do not include CRNA-only performed activity. Production from cases performed as a team should be reported as 50% credit to the physician the other 50% to the CRNA.</td>
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<td>Do not include hearing aid sales.</td>
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<td>Cardiology</td>
<td>Do not include technical component fees or technical components of global fees for EKGs, GXTs, echos, etc.</td>
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<td>GI Medicine</td>
<td>Do not include technical component fees.</td>
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<td>Medical Oncology</td>
<td>Do not include billings for drugs.</td>
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<td>Do not include technical component fees or technical components of global fees for oncology services.</td>
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**Column 21  Net Collections**

Indicate the actual dollar amount collected of gross productivity. This will be the net of contractual arrangements, discounts and bad debts. See the Production Guideline Table under Column 19 as it applies to Net Collections.

**Column 22  Fringe Benefits.**

Fringe benefits include the employer’s share of FICA, payroll and unemployment taxes; health, disability, life and workers’ compensation insurance; dues and memberships to professional organizations; professional development; state and local license fees; and employer payment to defined benefits and contribution, 401(k), 403(b) and unqualified retirement plans. Malpractice liability insurance should be excluded.

**Column 23  Primary Care Panel Size (Optional).**

*This column is for the collection of panel size for primary care providers only: family medicine, family medicine – branch, internal medicine, internal medicine – branch, internal medicine – office only, pediatrics and adolescent – general and pediatrics – branch. If you cannot provide this data, please leave blank.* Panel size is the number of patients served by a physician or physician group. A provider’s panel is a provider’s population of living patients, based on a count of unique patients seen within the last 18 months. Patients are assigned to a provider by the following: Patients who have seen only one provider for all visits, verified within the last three years, are assigned to that provider. If a patient does not have a
personal provider identified, the patient is assigned to a provider based on whom the patient saw the most often. If the patient has seen multiple doctors the same number of times, the patient is assigned to the provider seen most recently. The following weights should be applied to the panel sizes reported.

### Age and Gender Panel Adjustment Table

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**Column 24**  **Clinical Hours Worked (Hospital-Based Specialties Only).**

Provide the number of hours the physician worked in the hospital during the reporting period. This column is intended for hospital-based specialties only, such as hospitalists and intensivists.

**Column 25**  **Physician’s Years Since Residency/Fellowship.**

The total number of years the physician has been working in that particular specialty since completing their residency or fellowship program (i.e. for a cardiologist, it would be years since completing the cardiology fellowship; for a general surgeon, it would be years since completing their general surgery residency).

**Column 26**  **Date of Hire.**

The date of hire for the physician.

**Column 27**  **Provider’s Age.**

The age of the physician.
**Section II: Other Health Care Provider Compensation and Productivity (APCs/Midlevels)**

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<td>Indicate within which physician level specialty the NP or PA practices. For instance, if the provider is a nurse practitioner practicing in general pediatrics, you would use code 3115 in Column 2, Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care, and code 1320 in this column, Pediatrics &amp; Adolescent - General. Only complete this column for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants practicing in a particular physician specialty.</td>
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**Exclude any fringe benefits and employer payments to any type of retirement, pension, SERP or tax-deferred profit-sharing plan.**

*Do not annualize any staff provider or department chair reported as greater than or less than 1.0 clinical FTE. It is our expectation that participants report the clinical compensation in the same manner as prior years.*

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<td>If your organization provides payments to providers based on quality service our outcome measures as a separate component, provide the amount paid here. This compensation could be related to patient satisfaction, outcomes, HEDIS measures, access, diabetes management, etc. This compensation is included in the Column 5 total compensation amount. Column 6 is optional and the data will be reviewed once results are analyzed.</td>
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Column 8 Other Non-CPT Code Patient Care Compensation (Optional).

Report any other amounts that your organization pays for non-billable patient care services. The following are examples of non-billable patient care services: stipends for travel, contract compensation for occupational health services, etc. This amount should be included in the Column 5 total compensation amount. Most organizations with a salary-based system will not be able to break out the data for this column.

Column 9 Work RVUs.

Report calculated work relative value units (RVUs) as measured by the work resource based relative value scale (RBRVS), not weighted by a conversion factor attributed to ambulatory care, inpatient care or other professional services performed by each provider in the medical group, using the 2015 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) scale. A work relative value unit is a non-monetary unit of measure that indicates the professional value of services provided by a provider or allied health care professional. Report FTE providers with at least a 0.5 FTE at their actual RVU amount. In order to make your work RVUs more compatible, all code frequencies with the modifiers described below should be adjusted by the indicated percentage. For example, a modifier of 80 (99210-80) indicates that the procedure was recorded as a surgery assist and therefore the department only received approximately 16.0% of the original RVU value. For occupational health providers performing corporate or contracted services, either report RVU production for these services or indicate that they cannot be reported. If multiple modifiers are used, report work RVUs calculated using multiple modifiers.

Note regarding modifier 50: AMGA Consulting requests that participants adjust volume of CPT codes based on any modifiers attached to the individual codes. There is a special circumstance with modifier 50. Medicare reimburses the code with the modifier at 150%. Many other payers reimburse by a two-code combination: one code without the modifier at 100%, another code with the modifier at 50%. When reporting bilateral data, please adjust the Medicare volume appropriately to reflect proper volume (e.g., multiplying Medicare volume by three).

RVU Modifier Adjustment Table

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Column 10  **ASA Units**

Report calculated ASA Units in this column for CRNAs. The ASA values should include base units and time components. ASAs from cases performed as a team should be reported as 50% credit to the CRNA.

Column 11  **Patient Visits.**

Patient visits are the total number of patient visits during the calendar or most recent fiscal year. Patient visits are recorded as a face-to-face patient encounter.

Column 12  **Gross Charges.**

Gross charges are the total charges reported for services produced by the provider before such charges are reduced by courtesy allowances, employee discounts or non-collected accounts. Total charges are defined as the full dollar value, at the medical group’s established non-discounted rates, for services provided for all patients. Gross productivity should include the medical group’s full, non-discounted charges. Medicare charges should also be grossed up and not reported at the allowable charge. **These charges are for professional activities only, and thus should exclude retail income (e.g., optical, pharmacy), drugs, vaccines, etc.** Charges should not include credits for the technical component of ancillary services. Report all providers with at least a 0.5 FTE at their actual production amount.

Column 13  **Net Collections**

Indicate the actual dollar amount collected of gross productivity. This will be the net of contractual arrangements, discounts and bad debts.

Column 14  **Fringe Benefits.**

Fringe benefits include the employer’s share of FICA, payroll and unemployment taxes; health, disability, life and workers’ compensation insurance; dues and memberships to professional organizations; professional development; state and local license fees; and employer payment to defined benefits and contribution, 401(k), 403(b) and unqualified retirement plans. Malpractice liability insurance should be excluded.

Column 15  **Primary Care Panel Size (Optional).**

*This column is for the collection of panel size for primary care providers only: nurse practitioner – primary care and physician assistants – primary care. If you cannot provide this data, please leave blank.* Panel size is the number of patients served by a provider. A provider’s panel is a provider’s population of living patients, based on a count of unique patients seen within the last 18 months. Patients are assigned to a provider by the following: Patients who have seen only one provider for all visits, verified within the last three years, are assigned to that provider. If a patient does not have a personal provider identified, the patient is assigned to a provider based on whom the patient saw the most often. If the patient has seen multiple doctors the same number of times, the patient is assigned to the provider seen most recently. The following weights should be applied to the panel sizes reported.
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**Column 17** Independent Practitioner (Y or N).

Indicate whether or not this NP or PA functions as an independent practitioner. An independent practitioner is a provider who has a patient panel separate from his or her physician and practices with limited oversight at least 70% of the time. A provider that does not act as an independent practitioner often works to support a physician as an extender of the physician’s practice or works in a team based model of care and does not have a separate patient panel from his or her physician. Only complete this column for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.

**Column 17** Date of Hire.

The date of hire for the provider.

**Column 18** Provider’s Years of Experience.

The total number of years the provider has been working in that specialty.

**Column 19** Provider’s Age.

The age of the provider.
Section III: New Hire Starting Salaries

Indicate the starting salaries for physicians and other providers hired between January and December 2015 or your medical group’s most recent fiscal year end. New residents who have completed their residency are considered new hires. Experienced physicians are physicians who are currently employed at your facility and who have worked in the medical field at another facility. Report only those physicians who are board certified or board eligible.

Column 1  Physician ID.

This code is used to identify each physician from year to year. Please provide a code that identifies the physician to your organization only. **Do not use the physician’s full Social Security number.**

Column 2  Specialty Number.

This is the specialty number for each physician related to the area of medicine the physician practices. Refer to the specialty number listing that follows these instructions. **Please remember to review these physician assignments to ensure an accurate submission.**

Column 3  Clinical FTE.

Clinical FTE is the full-time equivalent percentage of the new hire physician’s time spent in clinical work. Full-time clinical (1.0 FTE) is defined as a physician fulfilling your organization’s minimum requirements for classification as a full-time patient care employee (e.g., 36 hours of patient care activities per week). Many physicians work above this minimum level, but the reported FTE will not exceed 1.0. Other adjustments to this FTE status will not be common, but include the following:

- Physicians receiving more than four weeks of short-term disability, maternity, sabbatical, military level, etc. Vacation, holidays, allowed sick days and other normal benefits for time off will not affect the FTE status.

- A physician working in an operational administrative role that affects the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0 FTEs. This adjustment is intended for physician administrators with organizational or possibly section-wide administrative responsibilities, and who typically have a separate salary identified. No adjustments are to be made for department chairs or for physicians serving on committees that do not materially affect clinical expectations. For example, a physician administrator who is 50% clinical and 50% administrative would be 0.5 clinical FTE.

- Physicians performing specific research activities, funded separately by the medical practice, that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0. These physicians have clear, separate material research responsibilities outside of their clinical expectations.

- A physician performing specific administrative teaching activities, such as tutoring or lecturing, which are not performed during patient care activities, and that affect the clinical FTE status to be below 1.0. These activities are funded separately by the medical practice. These adjustments are not for typical supervision and resident training while performing patient care activities (rounding, office visits, etc).

Keep in mind there are many organizations that inherently have less intensive administrative committee work, research or teaching responsibilities blended in with their physician’s role and salary, while still expecting 1.0 clinical performance. Our intent is not to try to break out such fine detail, but to capture the clear, material instances for certain individual physicians.

Column 4  Experienced Starting Salary/Base Guarantee.

Indicate the starting salary for the experienced physician hire. Experienced hires will have worked in the medical field at another facility and are now recently employed by your facility.

Column 5  New Resident/Fellow Starting Salary.

Indicate the starting salary for the new resident hire. New residents or fellows will just have completed their residency or a fellowship program.
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Branch Specialties

These specialties have the same basic definition as the main specialty. These physicians are located in small satellite offices, acute care clinics, critical access sites or branch offices. These offices operate primarily as a critical access site and may have different compensation or performance expectations. There would not be teaching responsibilities at these locations.

Primary Care and Medical Specialties

1000 **Allergy/Immunology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. These physicians are trained in evaluation, physical and laboratory diagnosis and management of disorders involving the immune system.

1005 **Addictive Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine. These physicians specialize in the treatment of addiction, focus on addictive diseases and have had special training focusing on the prevention and treatment of such diseases.

1016 **Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with special certifications in cardiology and advanced heart failure. These physicians specialize in Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology with the special knowledge and skills required of cardiologists for evaluating and optimally managing patients with heart failure, particularly those with advanced heart failure, those with devices, including ventricular assist devices, and those who have undergone or are awaiting transplantation.

1007 **Clinical Nutrition and Bariatric Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Bariatric Medicine. Bariatric medicine, or bariatrics, refers to the branch of medicine that is concerned with the treatment of obesity and associated conditions, as well as its causes and preventive techniques.

1010 **Cardiology – Cath Lab (Invasive Interventional).**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in cardiovascular disease and a certificate of added qualification in interventional cardiology. At least 70% of the physician's time is spent in this specialized field of cardiology.

1020 **Cardiology – Echo Lab and Nuclear.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in cardiovascular disease and specifically echocardiography. Echocardiography is used in the diagnosis, management, and follow-up of patients with any suspected or known heart diseases. At least 70% of the physician's time is spent in this specialized field of cardiology.

1030 **Cardiology – Electrophysiology Pacemaker.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of added qualification in cardiac electrophysiology. Cardiology – electrophysiology pacemaker is a field of special interest within the subspecialty of cardiovascular disease, which involves intricate technical procedures to evaluate heart rhythms and determine appropriate treatment for them. At least 70% of the physician's time is spent in this specialized field of cardiology.
Cardiology – General.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in cardiovascular disease. These physicians are internists who specialize in diseases of the heart, lungs and blood vessels and manage complex cardiac conditions such as heart attacks and life-threatening, abnormal heartbeat rhythms. This specialty should capture the remaining cardiologists not defined in the cardiology subspecialties.

Critical Care/Intensivist.

These physicians are certified by either the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Anesthesiology with a certificate of special qualification in critical care medicine. These physicians diagnose, treat and support patients with multiple organ dysfunction. These physicians may facilitate and coordinate patient care among the primary physician, the critical care staff and other specialists.

Dermatology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Dermatology. These physicians are trained to diagnose and treat pediatric and adult patients with benign and malignant disorders of the skin, mouth, external genitalia, hair and nails, as well as a number of sexually transmitted diseases. These physicians have had additional training and experience in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers, melanomas, moles and other tumors of the skin; management of contact dermatitis; other allergic and non-allergic skin disorders; and in the recognition of the skin manifestation of systemic and infectious diseases. These physicians have special training in dermatopathology and in the surgical techniques used in dermatology. These physicians also have expertise in the management of cosmetic disorders of the skin such as hair loss and scars and the skin changes associated with aging.

Dermatology – Mohs.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Dermatology. These physicians specialize in performing surgery used for the treatment of skin cancers, especially basal cell or squamous cell carcinomas of the skin. These physicians have the expertise to diagnose and monitor diseases of the skin, including infectious, immunological, degenerative and neoplastic diseases. This entails the examination and interpretation of specially prepared tissue sections, cellular scrapings and smears of skin lesions by means of routine and special (electron and fluorescent) microscopes.

Endocrinology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism. These physicians concentrate on disorders of the internal (endocrine) glands such as the thyroid and adrenal glands. These physicians also deal with disorders such as diabetes, metabolic and nutritional disorders, pituitary diseases and menstrual and sexual problems.

Family Medicine.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Family Practice. These physicians are trained to diagnose and treat a wide variety of ailments in patients of all ages. These physicians receive a broad range of training that includes internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry and geriatrics. In family medicine, special emphasis is placed on prevention and the primary care of entire families, utilizing consultations and community resources when appropriate.

Family Medicine with Obstetrics.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Family Practice with additional training or experience in obstetrics.
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1130  **Gastroenterology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in Gastroenterology. These physicians specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the digestive organs, including the stomach, bowels, liver and gallbladder. This specialist treats conditions such as abdominal pain, ulcers, diarrhea, cancer and jaundice and performs complex diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using endoscopes to see internal organs.

1465  **Genetics.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics. These physicians are specialists trained in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for patients with genetically linked diseases. These specialists use modern cytogenetic, radiological and biochemical testing to assist in specialized genetic counseling; implement necessary therapeutic interventions; and provide prevention through prenatal diagnosis. Physicians who are medical geneticists plan and coordinate large scale screening programs for inborn errors of metabolism, hemoglobinopathies, chromosome abnormalities and neural tube defects.

1150  **Geriatrics.**

These physicians are certified by either the American Board of Family Practice or the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of added qualification in geriatric medicine. These physicians have special knowledge of the aging process and special skills in the diagnostic, therapeutic, preventative and rehabilitative aspects of illness in the elderly. These physicians also care for geriatric patients in the patient’s home, the office, long-term care settings, such as nursing homes, and the hospital.

1180  **Hematology and Medical Oncology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with certificates of special qualification in hematology and medical oncology. Physicians in the field of hematology are internists with additional training who specialize in diseases of the blood, spleen and lymph glands. These specialists treat conditions such as anemia, clotting disorders, sickle cell disease, hemophilia, leukemia and lymphoma. Physicians in the field of medical oncology are internists who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer and other tumors, both benign and malignant. These specialists decide on and administer chemotherapy for malignancy and consult with surgeons and radiotherapists on other treatments for cancer.

1183  **Hepatology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in gastroenterology. These physicians are specialists who focus on diagnosing and treating liver disease. This should not include Transplant Hepatologists. (Please see 2310 for all board certified Transplant Hepatologists.)

1185  **Hospitalist – Internal Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the hospital. These physicians are internal medicine physicians practicing as hospitalists.

1186  **Hospitalist – Family Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Family Practice. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the hospital. These physicians are family medicine physicians practicing as hospitalists.
Hospitalist – Laborist.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. These surgeons are obstetricians or gynecologists who work full time in a hospital, only delivering babies. A laborist does not see patients in an office setting, as a traditional obstetrician or gynecologist does.

Hospitalist – Pediatrics.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the hospital. These physicians are pediatricians practicing as hospitalists.

Hospitalist – Nocturnist.

These physicians are hospital-based physicians who only work overnight. Nocturnists are usually trained in internal medicine and have experience in hospital medicine. However, there are nocturnists trained in other specialties such as psychiatry or family medicine.

Hypertension and Nephrology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in nephrology. These physicians are internists who treat disorders of the kidney, high blood pressure, fluid and mineral balance and dialysis of body wastes when the kidneys do not function. These specialists consult with surgeons about kidney transplantation.

Infectious Disease.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in infectious diseases. These physicians deal with infectious diseases of all types and in all organs, including conditions requiring selective use of antibiotics. These specialists diagnose and treat AIDS patients and patients with fevers that have not been explained. These physicians may also have expertise in preventive medicine and conditions associated with travel.

Integrative Medicine (MD Only).

These physicians combine conventional Western medicine with alternative or complementary treatments, such as nutrition consultation, herbal medicine, acupuncture, and massage.

Internal Medicine.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. An internal medicine physician is one who provides long-term, comprehensive care in the office and the hospital, managing both common and complex illnesses of adolescents, adults and the elderly. These physicians are trained in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, infections and diseases affecting the heart, blood, kidneys, joints and digestive, respiratory and vascular systems. These physicians are also trained in the essentials of primary care internal medicine, which incorporates an understanding of disease prevention, wellness, substance abuse, mental health and effective treatment of common problems of the eyes, ears, skin, nervous system and reproductive organs.

Internal Medicine – Medical Home.

Internal medicine – medical home is similar to internal medicine (1210), but these physicians only practice in a medical home setting.

Internal Medicine – Office Only.

Internal medicine – office only is similar to internal medicine (1210), but these physicians only practice in an office setting. These physicians do not practice in the hospital.
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1181  **Medical Oncology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in medical oncology. These physicians are internists who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer and other tumors, both benign and malignant. These specialists decide on and administer chemotherapy for malignancy and consult with surgeons and radiotherapists on other treatments for cancer.

1191  **Nephrology Only.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in nephrology. These physicians are internists who treat disorders of the kidney, regulate blood pressure, fluid and mineral balance and dialysis of body wastes when the kidneys do not function.

1250  **Neurology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. A neurologist specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of disease or impaired function of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, muscles and autonomic nervous system, as well as the blood vessels that relate to these structures.

1252  **Neurology – Epilepsy/EEG Lab.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. These physicians are neurologists or child neurologists who focus on the evaluation and treatment of adults and children with recurrent seizure activity and seizure disorders. Specialists in epilepsy (epileptologists) possess specialized knowledge in the science, clinical evaluation and management of these disorders.

1253  **Neurology – EMG Lab.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. A neurologist works primarily in a specialty laboratory dedicated to the investigation of diseases of nerves and muscles, the electromyography (EMG) laboratory. These physicians are doctors who specialize in the diagnosis and testing of diseases of the peripheral nervous system.

1255  **Neurology – Stroke.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with a certificate of added qualification in stroke neurology. These physicians specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of diseases or impaired functions of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, muscles and autonomic nervous system, as well as the blood vessels that relate to these structures.

1256  **Neuro-Interventionalist.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Radiology. Neuro-interventionists are neurologists with additional training in minimally invasive neuro-endovascular procedures. They perform catheter-based procedures that can break up or remove stroke-causing blood clots, repair aneurysms in the brain, stent narrowed arteries in the neck and brain, and treat blood vessel malformations.
Neuro-Oncology.

These physicians are trained to diagnose and treat patients with brain tumors and other types of tumors of the nervous system. A neuro-oncologist may be one of a number of types of physicians: a neurologist (a physician trained in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the nervous system), an oncologist (cancer specialist), or a neurosurgeon (a physician trained in surgery of the nervous system). Other types of physicians may function as neuro-oncologists, because oncology (the study of cancer) is a very large field with a considerable diversity of neural tumors and various ways of diagnosing and treating them. At least 50% of the physician’s time is spent in this specialized field.

Neuropsychiatry.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. These physicians specialize in the psychiatric care of persons with disorders of brain function to include diagnostic skills, neurological and mental status examinations, cognitive testing, electrophysiological testing, neuro-imaging, differential diagnosis, crisis intervention, application of time-limited psychotherapy and referral for rehabilitative therapies.

Occupational/Environmental Medicine.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent on the control of environmental factors that may adversely affect health or the control and prevention of occupational factors that may adversely affect health safety. This specialist works with large population groups and individual patients to promote health and understanding of the risks of disease, injury, disability and death, seeking to modify and eliminate these risks.

Ophthalmology – Medical.

These physicians are ophthalmologists who work 70% of the time with the diagnoses and non-surgical treatment of ocular and visual disorders.

Ophthalmology – Medical Retinal.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of retinal disorders.

Orthopedic – Medical.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. At least 70% of the physician’s time in the practice involves the non-surgical treatment of musculoskeletal disorders.

Pain Management – Non-Anesthesiology.

These physicians are doctors who have a special certificate in pain management. These physicians provide a high level of care, either as a primary physician or consultant, for patients experiencing problems with acute, chronic or cancer pain in both hospital and ambulatory settings. Patient care needs may also be coordinated with other specialists. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in pain management – non-anesthesiology.

Palliative Care.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Palliative care programs provide one to two years of specialty training following a primary residency. Palliative Care reduces the severity of a disease or slows its progress, rather than providing a cure. For incurable diseases, in cases where the cure is not recommended due to other health concerns, and when the patient does not wish to pursue a cure, palliative care becomes the focus of treatment. It may occasionally be used in conjunction with curative therapy.
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1320 Pediatrics and Adolescent – General.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. A pediatrician is concerned with the physical, emotional and social health of children from birth to young adulthood. Care encompasses a broad spectrum of health services ranging from preventive health care to the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. A pediatrician deals with biological, social and environmental influences on the developing child, and with the impact of disease and dysfunction on development. A pediatrician who specializes in adolescent medicine is a multidisciplinary health care specialist trained in the unique physical, psychological and social characteristics of adolescents, their health care problems and needs.

Note for pediatric subspecialties: report physicians who spend at least 70% of their time in the respective sub-specialized area.

1325 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Adolescent Medicine.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of added qualification in adolescent medicine. A pediatrician who specializes only in adolescent medicine is a multidisciplinary health care specialist trained in the unique physical, psychological and social characteristics of adolescents, their health care problems and needs.

1330 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Allergy.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of added qualification in clinical and laboratory immunology. These physicians are trained in evaluation, physical and laboratory diagnosis and management of disorders involving the immune system.

1350 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Cardiology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric cardiology. A pediatric cardiologist provides comprehensive care to patients with cardiovascular problems. This specialist is skilled in the clinical evaluation of cardiovascular disease and in selecting, performing and evaluating the structural and functional assessment of the heart and blood vessels.

1085 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Dermatology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Dermatology. Through additional special training, these physicians have developed expertise in the treatment of specific skin disease categories with an emphasis on those diseases that are predominant in infants, children and adolescents.

1355 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Developmental-Behavioral.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. These physicians are pediatricians, with special training and experience, who aim to foster understanding and the promotion of optimal development of children and families through research, education, clinical care and advocacy efforts. These physicians assist in the prevention, diagnosis and management of developmental difficulties and problematic behaviors in children and in the family dysfunctions that compromise children’s development.

1360 Pediatrics and Adolescent – Endocrinology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric endocrinology. These physicians are pediatricians who provide expert care to infants, children and adolescents who have diseases that result from an abnormality in the endocrine glands (glands which secrete hormones). These diseases include diabetes mellitus, growth failure, unusual size for age, early or late pubertal development, birth defects, the genital region and disorders of the thyroid, the adrenal and pituitary glands.
1370 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Gastroenterology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric gastroenterology. These physicians are pediatricians who specialize in the diagnoses and treatment of diseases of the digestive systems of infants, children and adolescents. These specialists treat conditions such as abdominal pain, ulcers, diarrhea, cancer and jaundice and perform complex diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using lighted scopes to see internal organs.

1375 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Genetics.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric genetics. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent with pediatric patients.

1380 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Hematology and Oncology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric hematology and oncology. These physicians are pediatricians trained in the combination of pediatrics, hematology and oncology to recognize and manage pediatric blood disorders and cancerous diseases.

1382 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Infectious Disease.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric infectious disease. These physicians are pediatricians trained to care for children in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. These specialists can apply specific knowledge to affect a better outcome for pediatric infections with complicated courses, underlying diseases that predispose to unusual or severe infections, unclear diagnoses, uncommon diseases and complex or investigational treatments.

1384 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Intensive Care.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with special certification in critical care. At least 70% of the physician’s of time is spent with pediatric and adolescent patients in a hospital intensive care unit.

1386 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Internal Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Family Practice with a certificate of added qualification in adolescent medicine. These physicians are multidisciplinary health care specialists trained in the unique physical, psychological and social characteristics of adolescents and their health care problems and needs.

1240 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Neonatology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in neonatal-perinatal medicine. These physicians are pediatricians whose principle care is for sick newborn infants. Clinical expertise is used by physicians for direct patient care and for consulting with obstetrical colleagues to plan for the care of mothers who have high-risk pregnancies.

1390 **Pediatrics and Adolescent – Nephrology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric nephrology. These physicians are pediatricians who deal with the normal and abnormal development and maturation of the kidney and urinary tract, the mechanisms by which the kidney can be damaged, the evaluation and treatment of renal diseases, fluid and electrolyte abnormalities, hypertension and renal replacement therapy.
Pediatrics and Adolescent – Neurology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with special qualifications in child neurology. A neurologist specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of disease or impaired function of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, muscles and autonomic nervous system, as well as the blood vessels that relate to these structures. A child neurologist has special skills in the diagnosis and management of neurologic disorders of the neonatal period, infancy, early childhood and adolescence.

Pediatrics and Adolescent – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians spend at least 70% of their time with pediatric patients.

Pediatrics and Adolescent – Pulmonary.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric pulmonology. These physicians are pediatricians dedicated to the prevention and treatment of all respiratory diseases affecting infants, children and young adults. This specialist is knowledgeable about the growth and development of the lung, assessment of respiratory function in infants and children and experienced in a variety of invasive and noninvasive diagnostic techniques.

Pediatrics and Adolescent – Rheumatology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric rheumatology. These physicians are pediatricians who treat diseases of joints, muscle, bones and tendons. A pediatric rheumatologist diagnoses and treats arthritis, back pain, muscle strains, common athletic injuries and collagen diseases.

Pediatrics and Adolescent – Urgent Care.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. At least 70% of the physician’s of time is spent in the urgent care setting treating pediatric patients, including satellite clinics.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Physical medicine and rehabilitation, also referred to as physiatry, is the medical specialty concerned with diagnosing, evaluating and treating patients with physical disabilities. These disabilities may arise from conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system such as neck and back pain, sport injuries or other painful conditions affecting the limbs (e.g., carpal tunnel syndrome). Alternatively, the disabilities may result from neurological trauma or disease such as spinal cord injury, head injury or stroke. For diagnosis and evaluation, a physiatrist may include the techniques of electromyography to supplement the standard history, physical, X-ray and laboratory examinations. The physiatrist has expertise in the appropriate use of therapeutic exercise, prosthetics (artificial limbs), orthotics and mechanical and electrical devices.

Psychiatry – General.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. A psychiatrist specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental, addictive and emotional disorders such as schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, substance-related disorders, sexual and gender identity disorders and adjustment disorders. The psychiatrist is able to understand the biological, psychological and social components of illness, and therefore is uniquely prepared to treat the whole person. The main form of treatment used by a psychiatrist is psychopharmacology. A psychiatrist is qualified to order diagnostic laboratory tests and to prescribe medications, evaluate and treat psychological and interpersonal problems and to intervene with families who are coping with stress, crises and other problems in living. Use this definition if the physician spends equal time in an inpatient and outpatient setting.
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1441 Psychiatry – Inpatient.

Using the above definition for psychiatry – general, inpatient psychiatry treatment is more ongoing. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent within an inpatient setting.

1442 Psychiatry – Outpatient.

Using the above definition for psychiatry – general, outpatient psychiatry treatment occurs in a more temporary setting. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent within an outpatient setting.

1445 Psychiatry – Child.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with a certificate of special qualification in child and adolescent psychiatry. These physicians are psychiatrists with additional training in the diagnosis and treatment of developmental, behavioral, emotional and mental disorders of childhood and adolescence.

1446 Psychiatry – Geriatric.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. These physicians are psychiatrists with expertise in the prevention, evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders in the elderly. The geriatric psychiatrist seeks to improve the psychiatric care of the elderly, both in health and in disease.

1443 Consult Liaison Psychiatrist.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with fellowship training in psychosomatic medicine. These physicians work in areas such as psycho-oncology or psychocardiology. These physicians consult with medical and surgical colleagues on patients with mental and emotional disorders such as delirium, dementia, depression and psychosis, as these can often be secondary or exacerbating the medical or surgical illness. Physicians within this specialty consult and are liaisons on the medical and surgical floors, rather than in a closed unit.

1450 Pulmonary Disease (without Critical Care).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in pulmonary diseases. These physicians treat diseases of the lungs and airways and diagnose and treat cancer, pneumonia, pleurisy, asthma, occupational diseases, bronchitis, sleep disorders, emphysema and other complex disorders of the lungs.

1451 Pulmonary Disease (with Critical Care).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in pulmonary and critical care medicine. These physicians treat diseases of the lungs and airways and diagnose and treat cancer, pneumonia, pleurisy, asthma, occupational diseases, bronchitis, sleep disorders, emphysema and other complex disorders of the lungs.

1460 Reproductive Endocrinology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology with a certificate of special qualification in reproductive endocrinology.
1470    **Rheumatologic Disease.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualification in rheumatology. These physicians are internists who treat diseases of joints, muscle, bones and tendons. These specialists diagnose and treat arthritis, back pain, muscle strains, common athletic injuries and collagen diseases.

1472    **Skilled Nursing Facility Physician.**

A primary care provider sometimes referred to as a SNFologists, is a full-time physician practicing in a skilled nursing facility. These physicians are certified by either the American Board of Family Medicine or Internal Medicine. The physician is readily available to patients, particularly older ones, with multiple comorbidities at risk for readmission. These physicians tend to elderly patients nearly exclusively in the skilled nursing setting.

1475    **Sleep Lab.**

These physicians are internists with demonstrated expertise in the diagnosis and management of clinical conditions that occur during sleep, that disturb sleep or that are affected by disturbances in the wake-sleep cycle. These specialists are skilled in the analysis and interpretation of comprehensive polysomnography and are well-versed in emerging research and management of a sleep laboratory. This subspecialty includes the clinical assessment, polysomnographic evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders, including insomnias, disorders of excessive sleepiness (e.g., narcolepsy), sleep-related breathing disorders (e.g., obstructive sleep apnea), parasomnias, circadian rhythm disorders, sleep-related movement disorders and other conditions pertaining to the sleep-wake cycle. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the treatment of sleep disorders.

1480    **Sports Medicine.**

These physicians are certified by *either* the American Board of Emergency Medicine *or* the American Board of Family Practice *or* the American Board of Internal Medicine *or* the American Board of Pediatrics, with a certificate of added qualification in sports medicine. These physicians are responsible for continuous care in the field of sports medicine, not only for the enhancement of health and fitness, but also for the prevention and management of injury and illness. These physicians have knowledge and experience in the promotion of wellness and the role of exercise in promoting a healthy lifestyle. Knowledge of exercise physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, psychology, physical rehabilitation and epidemiology is essential to the practice of sports medicine. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in nonsurgical orthopedic procedures.

1485    **Transplant Nephrology.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a certificate of special qualifications in nephrology. These physicians are nephrologists who specialize in the treatment of kidney and pancreas transplant recipients.

1490    **Urgent Care.**

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the urgent care setting, including satellite clinics.

1500    **Wound Care/Hyperbaric.**

These physicians have specialized training in the evaluation, treatment and healing of chronic wounds. A chronic, non-healing wound is one that does not heal in six to eight weeks with traditional wound care. Some treatment options a wound care specialist may provide include the following: Doppler evaluation, wound debridement, wound dressings, negative pressure therapy, orthopedic, vascular and plastic surgery, nutrition counseling or diabetes counseling. At least 70% of the physician’s time is spent in the performing wound care.
Bariatric Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery. These surgeons specialize in performing gastric bypass surgery, generally a treatment for obesity. The surgeon provides preoperative, operative and postoperative care to surgical patients. At least 50% of the surgeon’s time is spent in the bariatric practice.

Breast Surgery.

These surgeons are especially skilled in operating on the breast. These surgeons may biopsy a tumor in the breast and, if it is malignant, remove the tumor. A breast surgeon may also do breast reconstruction following a mastectomy for breast cancer. The surgeons who carry out this type of breast reconstruction may be breast oncology surgeons or plastic surgeons. (Surgeons trained in both these specialties are known as oncoplastic surgeons.)

Burn Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with an additional burn fellowship. These surgeons are especially skilled in operating on and treating burn victims. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent performing burn-related surgeries.

Cardiac/Thoracic Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. Procedures such as cardiac catheterization, angiography, electrocardiography, echocardiography, imaging techniques, endoscopy, tissue biopsy and biologic and biochemical tests appropriate to thoracic diseases and procedures involving evolving techniques such as laser therapy, endovascular procedures, electrophysiologic procedures and devices and thoracoscopy and thoracoscopic surgery are performed by these surgeons. The scope of thoracic surgery encompasses knowledge of normal and pathologic conditions of both cardiovascular and general thoracic structures. This includes congenital and acquired lesions (including infections, trauma, tumors and metabolic disorders) of both the heart and blood vessels in the thorax, as well as diseases involving the lungs, pleura, chest wall, mediastinum, esophagus and diaphragm. In addition, the ability to establish a precise diagnosis, an essential step toward proper therapy, requires familiarity with diagnostic procedures such as cardiac catheterization, angiography, electrocardiography, echocardiography, imaging techniques, endoscopy, tissue biopsy and biologic and biochemical tests appropriate to thoracic diseases. It is essential that the thoracic surgeon be knowledgeable and experienced in evolving techniques, such as laser therapy, endovascular procedures, electrophysiologic procedures and devices and thoracoscopy and thoracoscopic surgery.

Cardiac/Thoracic Surgery – Pediatrics.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery with additional fellowship training in pediatric cardiac and thoracic Surgery. These surgeons treat infants, children and adolescents with congenital or acquired heart or thoracic diseases. Treatment includes consultation and surgical intervention for a broad range of cardiothoracic conditions, from general thoracic and esophageal problems to complex cardiac procedures for repair of birth abnormalities. Procedures for these surgeons include the following: general thoracic surgery, diagnosis and treatment of congenital heart defects in children, tumor removal, lung biopsies, esophageal surgery and treatment of aortic and mitral valve disease. At least 70% of time is spent performing pediatric cardiac and thoracic surgeries.
Cardiovascular Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with a cardiac surgery fellowship combined with vascular surgery. A cardiovascular surgeon performs operations on the heart and blood vessels of the body. This may include replacement of heart valves or bypasses of blocked coronary arteries. Training in the specialization of cardiovascular surgery involves the completion of a general surgery residency program followed by two or three more years of specialized training in all aspects of heart, blood vessel and chest surgery. Some surgeries for these surgeons include the following: permanent transvenous pacemaker insertion, cardiac surgery of the coronary artery (bypass), treatment of valvular heart disease, artery problems, carotid artery problems or microvascular surgery for diabetic leg ulcers.

Cataract Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. These surgeons are ophthalmologists who specialize in cataract surgery and perform a high volume of cataract surgeries per year.

Colon and Rectal Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery. These surgeons are trained to diagnose and treat various diseases of the intestinal tract, colon, rectum, anal canal and perianal area by medical and surgery means. These surgeons also deal with other organs and tissues (such as the liver, urinary and female reproductive system) involved with primary intestinal disease. These surgeons have the expertise to diagnose and manage anorectal conditions in an office setting. These surgeons also treat problems of the intestine and colon and perform endoscopic procedures to evaluate and treat problems such as cancer, polyps and inflammatory conditions.

Emergency Medicine.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. These surgeons focus on the immediate decision-making and action necessary to prevent death or any further disability both in the pre-hospital setting by directing emergency medical technicians and in the emergency department. These surgeons provide immediate recognition, evaluation, care, stabilization and disposition of a generally diversified population of adult and pediatric patients in response to acute illness and injury.


These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine or the American Board of Pediatrics, with a certificate of added qualification in pediatric emergency medicine. These surgeons are emergency physicians who have special qualifications to manage emergencies in infants and children.

Endovascular Surgery.

These surgeons perform minimally invasive surgery designed to access many regions of the body via major blood vessels. These physicians may use intravascular balloons, stents and coils, and perform coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG), carotid endarterectomy and aneurysm clipping. Endovascular surgery may be performed by certified radiologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, cardiologists and vascular surgeons with an additional fellowship in endovascular training.
General Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery. These surgeons manage a broad spectrum of surgical conditions affecting almost any area of the body. These surgeons establish the diagnosis and provide the preoperative, operative and postoperative care to surgical patients and are usually responsible for the comprehensive management of the trauma victim and the critically ill surgical patient. These surgeons use a variety of diagnostic techniques, including endoscopy, for observing internal structures and may use specialized instruments during operative procedures. A general surgeon is expected to be familiar with the salient features of other surgical specialties in order to recognize problems in those areas and to know when to refer a patient to another specialist.

Neurological Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. These surgeons provide the operative and non-operative management (i.e., prevention, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, critical care and rehabilitation) of disorders of the central peripheral and autonomic nervous systems, including their supporting structures and vascular supply; the evaluation and treatment of pathological processes, which modify function or activity of the nervous system; and the operative and non-operative management of pain. These surgeons treat patients with disorders of the nervous system; disorders of the brain, meninges, skull and their blood supply, including the extracranial carotid and vertebral arteries; disorders of the pituitary gland; disorders of the spine, meninges and vertebral column, including those that may require treatment by spinal fusion or instrumentation; and disorders of the cranial and spinal nerves throughout their distribution.

Neurological Surgery – Pediatrics.

These surgeons are neurological surgeons who spend at least 70% of their time with pediatric patients.

OB/GYN – General.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. An obstetrician or gynecologist possesses special knowledge, skills and professional capability in the medical and surgical care of the female reproductive system in the pregnant and non-pregnant state and associated disorders. This physician serves as a consultant to other physicians and as a primary physician for women.

OB/GYN – Clinic Only.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Obstetricians or gynecologists possesses special knowledge, skills and professional capability in the medical care of the female reproductive system and associated disorders. They do office work only, no obstetrical or gynecologic hospital coverage or gynecology surgical practice, as a traditional obstetrician or gynecologist does. This physician serves as a consultant to other physicians and as a primary physician for women.
OB/GYN – Gynecological Oncology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology with a certificate of special qualification in gynecologic oncology. These surgeons are obstetricians or gynecologists who provide consultation and comprehensive management of patients with gynecologic cancer.

OB/GYN – Gynecology Only.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. An obstetrician or gynecologist possesses special knowledge, skills and professional capability in the medical and surgical care of the female reproductive system in the non-pregnant state and associated disorders. This physician serves as a consultant to other physicians and as a primary physician for women.

OB/GYN – Maternal Fetal Medicine/Perinatology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. These surgeons are obstetricians or gynecologists who care for, or provide consultation on, patients with complications of pregnancy. These specialists have advanced knowledge of the obstetrical, medical and surgical complications of pregnancy, and their effect on both the mother and the fetus. This surgeon also possesses expertise in the most current diagnostic and treatment modalities used in the care of patients with complicated pregnancies.

OB/GYN – Obstetrics.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. An obstetrician or gynecologist possesses special knowledge, skills and professional capability in the medical and surgical care of the female reproductive system in the pregnant state and associated disorders. This physician serves as a consultant to other physicians and as a primary physician for women.

OB/GYN – Urogynecology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. These doctors become specialists with additional training and experience in the evaluation and treatment of conditions that affect the female pelvic organs and the muscles and connective tissue that support the organs. They specialized in the care of women with pelvic floor dysfunction. The pelvic floor is the muscles, ligaments, connective tissue and nerves that help support and control the rectum, uterus, vagina and bladder.

Oculo–Facial/Oculoplastic.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery or the American Board of Ophthalmology with training in ocular facial. Plastic and reconstructive surgery involves the periorbital and facial tissues, including eyelids and eyebrows, cheeks, orbit and lacrimal (tear) system. Eye plastic surgeons are ophthalmologists who have completed extensive post-residency training in this unique subspecialty. This is a highly specialized area of plastic surgery that focuses on the area around the eyes, forehead and midface. This area of plastic surgery includes surgeries for drooping eyelids (ptosis), eyelid malposition (entropion, ectropion) and eyelash abnormalities. These surgeons treat tumors of the eyelids and orbit, trauma, congenital abnormalities, thyroid eye disease, tearing problems and blinking difficulties (blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm).
Oncology – Surgical.

Oncology – surgical is the branch of surgery that focuses on the surgical management of malignant neoplasms (cancer). There are currently 14 surgical oncology fellowship training programs in the United States that have been approved by the Society of Surgical Oncology. While many general surgeons are actively involved in treating patients with malignant neoplasms, the designation of surgical oncologist is generally reserved for those surgeons who have completed one of the approved fellowship programs.

Ophthalmology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. An ophthalmologist has the knowledge and professional skills needed to provide comprehensive eye and vision care. Ophthalmologists are medically trained to diagnose, monitor and medically or surgically treat all ocular and visual disorders. This includes problems affecting the eye and its component structures, the eyelids, the orbit and the visual pathways.

Ophthalmology – Orbital.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology with a practice that is limited to the diagnosis, treatment and surgical treatment of the eye sockets and the ocular area. These surgeons do not perform surgeries such as cataract surgery and refractive surgery or perform traditional medical treatments such as vision, contact lenses, etc.


These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. An ophthalmologist has the knowledge and professional skills needed to provide comprehensive eye and vision care. Ophthalmologists are medically trained to diagnose, monitor and medically or surgically treat all ocular and visual disorders. This includes problems affecting the eye and its component structures, the eyelids, the orbit and the visual pathways. An ophthalmologist also prescribes vision services, including glasses and contact lenses. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent with pediatric patients.

Ophthalmology – Refractive.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent in refractive surgery, including laser correction surgery.


These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent in retinal surgery.

Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Boards of Dentistry with additional fellowship in oral-maxillofacial surgery. These surgeons are skilled in a wide spectrum of diseases, injuries and defects in the head, neck, face, jaws and the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region. These surgeons treat the entire craniomaxillofacial complex: anatomical area of the mouth, jaws, face, skull and associated structures.

Orthopedic Oncology.

An orthopedic oncologist specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of primary benign and malignant (cancerous) bone and soft-tissue tumors. Following an orthopedic surgical residency, a fellowship in orthopedic oncology lasting one to two years is to be completed. During this time, the physician will learn in depth about the pathology and treatment of various forms of primary malignant neoplasm affecting the boney structures of the human body.
Orthopedic Sports Medicine.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with an additional fellowship in sports medicine. An orthopedic surgeon is trained in the preservation, investigation and restoration of the form and function of the extremities, spine and associated structures by medical and physical means. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent on sports-related injuries.

Orthopedic Surgery.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. An orthopedic surgeon is trained in the preservation, investigation and restoration of the form and function of the extremities, spine and associated structures by medical, surgical and physical means. An orthopedic surgeon is involved with the care of patients whose musculoskeletal problems include congenital deformities, trauma, infections, tumors, metabolic disturbances of the musculoskeletal system, deformities, injuries and degenerative diseases of the spine, hands, feet, knee, hip, shoulder and elbow in children and adults. An orthopedic surgeon is also concerned with primary and secondary musculoskeletal problems and the effects of central or peripheral nervous system lesions of the musculoskeletal system.

Orthopedic Surgery – Foot and Ankle.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with an additional fellowship in foot and ankle. These surgeons are orthopedic surgeons who spend at least 70% of their time on foot and ankle cases.

Orthopedic Surgery – Hand.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with a certificate of added qualification in hand surgery. These surgeons are specialists trained in the investigation, preservation and restoration, by medical, surgical and rehabilitative means, of all structures of the upper extremity directly affecting the form and function of the hand and wrist.

Orthopedic Surgery – Joint Replacement.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with an additional fellowship in joint replacement. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent in the surgical treatment of degenerative diseases of the knee or hip.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent with pediatric patients.

Orthopedic Surgery – Shoulder.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with an additional fellowship in shoulder surgery. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent performing surgeries specific to the shoulder and elbow.

Orthopedic Surgery – Spine.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with an additional fellowship in spine. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent in the surgical treatment of diseases of the spine.

Orthopedic Surgery – Trauma.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. At least 70% of the surgeon’s time is spent on the treatment of trauma injuries. These surgeons are likely located in an emergency unit.
Otolaryngology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. An otolaryngologist provides comprehensive medical and surgical care for patients with diseases and disorders that affect the ears, nose, throat, respiratory and upper alimentary systems and the related structures of the head and neck. An otolaryngologist diagnoses and provides medical and surgical therapy or prevention of diseases, allergies, neoplasms, deformities, disorders and injuries of the ears, nose, sinuses, throat, respiratory and upper alimentary systems, face, jaws and the other head and neck systems. Head and neck oncology, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and the treatment of disorders of hearing and voice are fundamental areas of expertise for this specialty.

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

These surgeons are otolaryngologists with additional training in plastic and reconstructive procedures within the head, face, neck and associated structures, including cutaneous head and neck oncology and reconstruction, management of maxillofacial trauma, soft tissue repair and neural surgery. The field is diverse and involves a wide age range of patients, from the newborn to the aged.

Otolaryngology – Pediatrics.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric otolaryngology. Pediatric otolaryngologists provide comprehensive medical and surgical care for pediatric patients with diseases and disorders that affect the ears, nose, throat, the respiratory and upper alimentary systems and related structures of the head and neck.

Pediatric Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric surgery. These surgeons have expertise in the management of surgical conditions in premature and newborn infants, children and adolescents.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. A plastic surgeon deals with the repair, reconstruction or replacement of physical defects of form or function involving the skin, musculoskeletal system, craniomaxillo facial structures, hand, extremities, breast and trunk and external genitalia. A plastic surgeon uses aesthetic surgical principles not only to improve undesirable qualities of normal structures but also in all reconstructive procedures. A plastic surgeon possesses special knowledge and skill in the design and surgery of grafts, flaps, free tissue transfer and replantation. Competence in the management of complex wounds, the use of implantable materials and in tumor surgery is required for this specialty.


These surgeons are plastic surgeons who spend at least 70% of their time with pediatric patients.

Thoracic Oncological Surgery.

Thoracic oncological surgery is the branch of surgery that focuses on the surgical management of malignant neoplasms (cancer). These surgeons are surgical oncologists who specialize in the treatment of lung cancer, mesothelioma, esophageal cancer, sarcoma and cancer that has metastasized to the chest.
2275 **Thoracic Surgery.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. A thoracic surgeon provides the operative, perioperative and critical care of patients with pathologic conditions within the chest. Included in this specialty is the surgical care of coronary artery disease, cancers of the lung, esophagus and chest wall, abnormalities of the trachea, abnormalities of the great vessels and heart valves, congenital anomalies, tumors of the mediastinum and diseases of the diaphragm. The management of the airway and injuries of the chest is within the scope of the specialty. Thoracic surgeons have the knowledge, experience and technical skills to accurately diagnose, safely operate upon and effectively manage patients with thoracic diseases of the chest. This requires substantial knowledge of cardiorespiratory physiology and oncology, as well as capability in the use of heart assist devices, management of abnormal heart rhythms and drainage of the chest cavity, respiratory support systems, endoscopy and invasive and noninvasive diagnostic techniques. The management of the airway and injuries of the chest is within the scope of the specialty. At least 90% of the surgeon’s time is spent performing thoracic-related procedures. Use the cardiac and thoracic surgery specialty (2010) for physicians performing both areas.

2300 **Transplant Surgery – Kidney.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with special certification in transplant surgery. This physician’s practice is predominantly related to kidney procedures.

2310 **Transplant Surgery – Liver.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with special certification in transplant surgery. This physician’s practice is predominantly related to liver procedures.

2292 **Transplant Surgery – Medical.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with special certification in transplant surgery. Transplant surgeons will have experience with histocompatibility and immunology, infectious disease and the preoperative and postoperative management of patients who require transplantation, as well as experience in performance and interpretation of special diagnostic techniques necessary for the management of rejection and other problems in transplant recipients.

2290 **Transplant Surgery – Thoracic.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with special certification in transplant surgery. This physician’s practice is predominantly related to cardiac procedures.

2295 **Trauma Surgery.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with special certification in trauma surgery. Trauma surgeons have expertise in the management of the critically ill and postoperative patient, particularly the trauma victim, and specialize in critical care medicine diagnoses, treating and supporting patients with multiple organ dysfunction. This specialist may have administrative responsibilities for intensive care units and may also facilitate and coordinate patient care among the primary physician, the critical care staff, and other specialists.

3001 **Urological Oncology.**

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Urology. These surgeons are urologists who specialize in the treatment of malignant genitourinary diseases. These surgeons may use minimally invasive techniques to manage urologic cancers.
Surgical Specialties
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2320 Urology.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Urology. These surgeons are urologists who manage benign and malignant medical and surgical disorders of the genitourinary system and the adrenal glands. This specialist has comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in, endoscopic, percutaneous and open surgery of congenital and acquired conditions of the urinary and reproductive systems and their contiguous structures.

2335 Urology – Pediatrics.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Urology with a certificate of special qualification in pediatric urology. These surgeons are pediatricians who manage benign and malignant medical and surgical disorders of the genitourinary system and the adrenal glands. These specialists have comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in, endoscopic, percutaneous and open surgery of congenital and acquired conditions of the urinary and reproductive systems and their contiguous structures.

2340 Vascular Surgery.
These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Surgery with a certificate of added qualification in general vascular surgery. A vascular surgeon has expertise in the management of surgical disorders of the blood vessels, excluding the intracranial vessels of the heart. A vascular surgeon has expertise in the diagnosis and care of patients with diseases and disorders affecting the arteries, veins and lymphatic systems, excluding vessels of the brain and heart. Common procedures performed by vascular surgeons include the opening of artery blockages to prevent stroke, correction of artery blockages in the legs and abdominal organs, repair of veins to improve circulation, treatment of aneurysms (bulges) in the aorta and care of patients suffering vascular trauma. Vascular surgeons perform open surgery as well as endovascular (minimally invasive) procedures using balloon angioplasty and stents and are also trained in the treatment of vascular disease by medical (non-surgical) means. Vascular surgeons also perform non-invasive diagnostic testing to detect vascular problems.

Anesthesiology, Pathology and Radiology

2000 Anesthesiology.
These physicians are certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. These physicians are trained to provide pain relief and maintenance or restoration of a stable condition during and immediately following an operation, an obstetric or diagnostic procedure. These physicians also provide medical management and consultation in pain management and critical care medicine. Anesthesiologists diagnose and treat acute, longstanding and cancer pain problems; diagnose and treat patients with critical illnesses or severe injuries; perform direct resuscitation in the care of patients with cardiac or respiratory emergencies, including the need for artificial ventilation; and supervise post anesthesia recovery.

2230 Anesthesiology – Pain Clinic.
These physicians are certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology with a certificate of added qualification in pain management. These physicians are anesthesiologists who provide a high level of care, either as a primary physician or consultant, for patients experiencing problems with acute, chronic or cancer pain in both hospital and ambulatory settings.

4005 Anesthesiology – Pediatrics.
These physicians are certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. An anesthesiologist who specializes in pediatric anesthesiology provides anesthesia for neonates, infants, children and adolescents undergoing surgical, diagnostic or therapeutic procedures as well as appropriate preoperative and postoperative care, advanced life support and acute pain management.
2003  Cardiovascular Anesthesiology.

These surgeons are certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology with advanced training in cardiothoracic anesthesiology via a one year fellowship. This subspecialty is devoted to the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative care of adult patients undergoing cardiothoracic surgery and related invasive procedures. It deals with the anesthesia aspects of care related to surgical cases such as open heart surgery, lung surgery and other operations of the human chest. These aspects include perioperative care with expert manipulation of patient cardiopulmonary physiology through precise and advanced application of pharmacology, resuscitative techniques, critical care medicine and invasive procedures. This also includes management of the cardiopulmonary bypass (heart-lung) machine, which most cardiac procedures require intraoperatively while the heart undergoes surgical correction.

4010  Dermatopathology.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology or the American Board of Dermatology with a certificate of added qualification in dermapathology. A dermapathologist has the expertise to diagnose and monitor diseases of the skin including infectious, immunologic, degenerative and neoplastic diseases. This entails the examination and interpretation of specially prepared issue sections, cellular scrapings and smears of skin lesions by means of routine and special (electron and florescent) microscopes.

4030  Diagnostic Radiology (MD Interventional).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Radiology with a certificate of added qualification in vascular and interventional radiology. These physicians are radiologists who diagnose and treat diseases by various radiologic imaging modalities. These include fluoroscopy, digital radiography, computed tomography, sonography and magnetic resonance imaging.

4020  Diagnostic Radiology (MD Neuro-Interventional).

These physicians are radiologists who diagnose and treat diseases utilizing imaging procedures as they relate to the brain, spine and spinal cord, head, neck and organs of special sense in adults and children.

4040  Diagnostic Radiology (MD Non-Interventional).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Radiology. These physicians are radiologists who utilize X-ray, radionuclides, ultrasound and electromagnetic radiation to diagnose disease.

4045  Diagnostic Radiology – Pediatrics.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Radiology. These physicians are specialists in pediatric radiology who utilize imaging and interventional procedures related to the diagnosis, care and management of congenital abnormalities (those present at birth) and diseases particular to infants and children. Two additional years – one year of a fellowship and one year of practice or additional approved training – are required.

4101  Laboratory Hematology.

Certified by the American Board of Pathology with a certificate of special qualification in Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine. A pathologist who acquires, prepares, stores and handles blood products for adult, pediatric and neonatal transfusion.

1175  Mammography.

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Radiology with special certification in mammography. Mammographers are radiologists with greater than 70% of their practice in mammography.
Microbiology (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology with a certificate of special qualification in medical microbiology. These physicians are expert in the isolation and identification of microbial agents that cause infectious disease. Viruses, bacteria and fungi, as well as parasites, are identified and, where possible, tested for susceptibility to appropriate antimicrobial agents.

Nuclear Medicine (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. A nuclear medicine specialist employs the properties of radioactive atoms and molecules in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and in research. The nuclear medicine specialist has special knowledge in the biological effects of radiation exposure, the fundamentals of the physical sciences and the principles and operation of radiation detection and imaging instrumentation systems.

Pathology – Combined (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology for combined anatomic and clinical pathology. A pathologist deals with the causes and nature of disease and contributes to diagnosis, prognosis and treatment through knowledge gained by the laboratory application of the biological, chemical and physical sciences. A pathologist uses information gathered from the microscopic examination of tissue specimens, cells and body fluids and from clinical laboratory tests on body fluids and secretions for the diagnosis, exclusion and monitoring of disease.

Pathology – Anatomic (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic pathology. These physicians perform surgical procedures in the diagnosis and identification of diseases and deal with the morphologic changes in the tissues, gross and microscopic and pathological anatomy.

Pathology – Clinical (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology for clinical pathology and deals with the study of disease and disease processes by means of chemical, microscopic and serologic examinations.

Pathology – Pediatrics (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology. A pediatric pathologist is expert in the laboratory diagnosis of diseases that occur during fetal growth, infancy and child development. The practice requires a strong foundation in general pathology and substantial understanding of normal growth and development, along with extensive knowledge of pediatric medicine.

Pathology – Surgical (MD Only).

These physicians are certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic pathology with a surgical pathology fellowship. A surgical pathologist examines gross and microscopic surgical specimens, as well as biopsies submitted by non-surgeons such as general internists, medical subspecialists, dermatologists and interventional radiologists. The practice of surgical pathology allows for definitive diagnosis of disease (or lack thereof) in any case where tissue is surgically removed from a patient. The pathologist may perform evaluations of molecular properties of tissue by immunohistochemistry or other laboratory tests.
4130  **Radiation Therapy (MD Only).**

A radiation oncologist physician certified by the American Board of either Pathology or Radiology. A specialist physician who uses ionizing radiation (such as megavoltage X-rays or radionuclides) in the treatment of cancer.

**PhD Only Positions**

3020  **PhD Only – Biochemistry.**

Biochemists study such things as the structures and physical properties of biological molecules, including proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids; the mechanisms of enzyme action; the chemical regulation of metabolism; the chemistry of nutrition; the molecular basis of genetics; the chemistry of vitamins; energy utilization in the cell; and the chemistry of the immune response.

3050  **PhD Only – Diagnostic Radiology.**

This is a subspecialty concerned with or aiding in diagnosis using radiology. Diagnostic radiologists use ionizing and nonionizing radiation for the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

3055  **PhD Only – Imaging (Physicist).**

This specialty provides clinical medical imaging physics services using radiological imaging equipment. Clinical medical physicists are board certified (American Board of Radiology, American Board of Medical Physics or the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine) and maintain clinical credentials in independent specialties of medical imaging physics. Imaging physicists perform independent research in digital X-ray imaging, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), X-ray computed tomography (CT), nuclear medicine physics (imaging and therapy) and optical imaging.

3060  **PhD Only – Immunology.**

This specialty involves clinical treatments and ongoing research programs in molecular aspects of lymphocyte differentiation and function, including MHC expression and peptide interactions; class I MHC structure and function; germinal center biology; HIV pathogenesis; immune responses to gene therapy; inflammation and allergy; signal transduction; and V(D)J recombination.

3070  **PhD Only – Microbiology.**

These individuals are medical providers who are experts in the isolation and identification of microbial agents that cause infectious disease.

3075  **PhD Only – Neuropsychology.**

These individuals are psychologists who have completed special training in the neurobiological causes of brain disorders and who specialize in diagnosing and treating these illnesses using a predominantly medical (as opposed to psychoanalytical) approach.
PhD Only Positions
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3100  PhD Only – Nuclear Medicine.

This branch of medicine is concerned with the use of radioisotopes in the diagnosis, management and treatment of disease. Nuclear medicine uses small amounts of radioactive materials or radiopharmaceuticals, substances that are attracted to specific organs, bones or tissues.

3140  PhD Only – Other Laboratory.

These individuals are laboratory physicians who are not classified elsewhere.

3150  PhD Only – Pathology.

These individuals are specialists in pathology; they evaluate or supervise diagnostic tests, using materials removed from living or dead patients, function as laboratory consultants to clinicians or conduct experiments or other investigations to determine the causes or nature of disease changes.

3210  PhD Only – Psychology.

These individuals are professionals specializing in diagnosing and treating diseases of the brain, emotional disturbances and behavior problems. Psychologists use psychotherapy as the primary form of treatment. In addition to their PhD and board certification, these individuals may have additional training in a specialized type of therapy.

3211  PhD Only – Psychology – Child.

These individuals are professionals specializing in diagnosing and treating diseases of the brain, emotional disturbances, developmental problems and behavior problems in children. Psychologists use play and other psychotherapy as treatment and their practice is limited to children. In addition to their psychology PhD, these individuals may also have other qualifications, including additional training in child psychology.

3220  PhD Only – Radiation Therapy.

Radiation therapists specialize in the use of high-energy rays to damage cancer cells, stopping them from growing and dividing. Radiation therapists use radiation therapy to locally treat cancer cells only in the affected area. These individuals have a PhD in physics, medical physics or a physical science and are also board certified by the American Board of Radiology in therapeutic radiologic physics or by the American Board of Medical Physics in radiation oncology physics.

Other Health Care Providers

3000  Audiology.

These individuals are health care professionals who are trained to evaluate hearing loss and related disorders, including balance disorders and tinnitus (ringing in the ears), and to rehabilitate individuals with hearing loss and related disorders. An audiologist uses a variety of tests and procedures to assess hearing and balance function. Audiologists fit and dispense hearing aids and other assistive devices for hearing.

3025  Certified Nurse Specialist.

All clinical nurse specialists are registered nurses (RNs) who hold a master’s degree in nursing with a focus on a specific specialty. These nursing professionals usually work in a hospital setting delivering direct patient care, teaching staff and patients, consulting with other professionals and providing leadership and supervision in the workplace.
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are RNs with critical care experience and graduate training in the delivery of anesthesia. CRNAs, usually under a doctor’s supervision, administer intravenous, spinal and other anesthetics as needed for surgical operations, deliveries and other medical and dental procedures. They control the flow of gases or injected fluids to maintain the needed anesthetic state of the patient.

Chiropractor.

This specialty requires a minimum two years of college and four years in a chiropractic school. The chiropractic specialty is defined as a system of diagnosis and treatment that is based upon the concept that the nervous system coordinates all of the body’s functions; holds that disease results from a lack of normal nerve function; and employs manipulation and specific adjustment of body structures. Chiropractors work to manipulate the spine with their hands to realign the vertebrae and relieve pressure on the nerves.

Dentistry.

Dentistry involves the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment (non-surgical, surgical or related procedures) of diseases, disorders and conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area and the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body.

Dentistry – Pediatrics.

Licensed by the state board of dentistry, a pediatric dentist specializes in both primary and comprehensive preventive and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.

Epidemiology.

Epidemiology specialists focus on aspects of determining the occurrences and risk factors of disease and practice the prevention and treatment of disease. This can include surveillance and monitoring, screening, establishing and administering intervention programs for prevention or treatment of diseases, designing studies for determining risk factors of effectiveness of prevention approaches and analyzing data. These specialists have a master’s degree in epidemiology.

Midwife.

Midwives are trained to assist a woman during childbirth. Midwives also provide prenatal care for pregnant women, birth education for women and their partners and care for mothers and newborn babies after the birth.

Nuclear Medicine – Non-Radiologist (Dosimetrist).

This branch of medicine concerned with the use of radioisotopes in the diagnosis, management and treatment of disease. Nuclear medicine uses small amounts of radioactive materials or radiopharmaceuticals, substances that are attracted to specific organs, bones or tissues.

Nurse Practitioner – Geriatric.

A geriatric nurse practitioner (NP) is a state-licensed nurse and specializes in the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease in older people and the problems specific to aging. An NP may function as a primary direct provider of health care and prescribe medications.
3113 **Nurse Practitioner – Medical Specialty.**

Nurse practitioners – medical specialty are state-licensed nurses and their primary function involves any specialty found in the Medical Specialties section of this document with the exception of the following: family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics and any of the respective subspecialties. The NP specializes in providing the patient with a broad spectrum of care, both preventive and curative, over a period of time and in coordinating all of the care the patient receives. An NP may function as a primary direct provider of health care and prescribe medications or as a support position for physicians.

3115 **Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care.**

Nurse practitioners – primary care are state-licensed nurses and their primary function involves the specialties of family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and any of the respective subspecialties. The NP specializes in providing the patient with a broad spectrum of care, both preventive and curative, over a period of time and in coordinating all of the care the patient receives. A primary care NP often functions as a primary direct provider of health care and prescribes medications.

3117 **Nurse Practitioner – Surgical Specialty.**

Nurse practitioners – surgical specialty are state-licensed nurses and their primary function involves any specialty found in the Surgical Specialties section of this document. The NP specializes in providing the patient with a broad spectrum of care and helps coordinate the care the patient receives. A surgical NP functions as a support position for physicians.

3118 **Nutritionist (Non-MD).**

In a hospital or nursing home a nutritionist is a person who plans or formulates special meals for patients. Nutritionist can also be simply a euphemism for a cook who works in a medical facility, but who does not have extensive training in special nutritional needs. In clinical practices, a nutritionist is a specialist in nutrition. Nutritionists can help patients with special needs, allergies, health problems or a desire for increased energy or weight change devise healthy diets. Some nutritionists in private practice are well-trained, hold a degree and are licensed. Training requirements vary by state.

3120 **Occupational Therapist.**

An occupational therapist is a licensed health professional who is trained to evaluate patients with joint conditions, such as arthritis, to determine the impact the disease on their daily living activities. Occupational therapists can design and prescribe assistive devices that can improve the quality of the daily living activities of daily living for patients with arthritis and other conditions of the muscles and joints.

3130 **Optometrist.**

An optometrist is a doctor of optometry, an OD. This individual is a health care professional who is licensed to provide primary eye care services. Optometrists examine and diagnose eye diseases such as glaucoma, cataracts and retinal diseases, diagnose related systemic (body-wide) conditions such as hypertension and diabetes that may affect the eyes, examine, diagnose and treat visual conditions such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and presbyopia and prescribe glasses, contact lenses, low vision rehabilitation and medications. Optometrists also perform minor surgical procedures such as the removal of foreign bodies.

3042 **Orthodontics.**

Orthodontics involves the diagnosis, prevention, interception and treatment of all forms of malocclusion of the teeth and associated alterations in their surrounding structures; the design, application and control of functional and corrective appliances; and the guidance of the dentition and its supporting structures to attain and maintain optimum occlusal relations in physiological and esthetic harmony among facial and cranial structures.
3155 **Perfusionist.**

A perfusionist is a specialized health professional who operates the heart-lung machine during cardiac surgery and other surgeries that require cardiopulmonary bypass. The perfusionist’s main responsibility is to support the physiological and metabolic needs of the cardiac surgical patient so that the cardiac surgeon may operate. The perfusionist is solely responsible for the circulatory and respiratory functions of the heart-lung machine. Perfusionists can be involved in procurement of cardiothoracic donor organs for transplant.

3160 **Pharmacist.**

A pharmacist is a professional who fills prescription. Pharmacists are familiar with medication ingredients, interactions, cautions and hints. Pharmacists prepare and distribute medicines and to give information about them.

3170 **Physical Therapist.**

Physician therapists are trained and certified by a state or accrediting body to design and implement physical therapy programs. Physical therapists use specially designed exercises and equipment to help patients regain or improve their physical abilities. Physical therapists work with many types of patients, from infants born with musculoskeletal birth defects to adults suffering from sciatica or the aftereffects of injury, to elderly post-stroke patients.

3180 **Physician Assistant – Medical.**

Physician assistant – medical training (PA) programs are accredited by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. They work under the supervision of a licensed doctor (an MD) or osteopathic physician (a DO). A PA can perform histories and physical examinations that do not go beyond a particular level. A PA can order any test that the PA is competent to interpret and provide the appropriate treatment. PAs follow patients through their hospital course or their course of treatment in a clinic setting.

3182 **Physician Assistant – Primary Care.**

PA training programs are accredited by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. They work under the supervision of a licensed doctor (an MD) or osteopathic physician (a DO). A PA can perform histories and physical examinations that do not go beyond a particular level. A PA can order any test that the PA is competent to interpret and provide the appropriate treatment. PAs follow patients through their hospital course or their course of treatment in a clinic setting.

3185 **Physician Assistant – Surgical.**

PA training programs are accredited by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. A PA is a surgical practitioner who works under the supervision of a licensed doctor (an MD) or osteopathic physician (a DO). PAs can practice in virtually all surgical specialties, provided they are properly trained and supervised. PAs can be second and third assists in surgical procedures and can perform simple surgical procedures such as laceration repairs.

3195 **Podiatry – Medical.**

A podiatrist is a provider who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of diseases of the foot and specializes in health and conditions affecting the lower extremities.

3190 **Podiatry – Surgical.**

A podiatrist is a provider that specializes in the evaluation and treatment of diseases of the foot. They perform surgical procedures on the foot.
Other Health Care Providers

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3212  Psychology (Master’s Level).

This professional specializes in diagnosing and treating diseases of the brain, emotional disturbances and behavior problems. Psychology practitioners use psychotherapy as treatment. These providers have a certified master’s degree in psychology.

3230  Social Worker.

A social worker helps individuals deal with a variety of mental health and daily living problems to improve overall functioning. A social worker usually has a master’s degree in social work and has studied sociology, growth and development, mental health theory and practice, human behavior or social environment, psychology and research methods.

3235  Speech Pathology.

This specialist evaluates and treats communication disorders and swallowing problems. Speech pathologists usually have an MA or doctorate in their specialty, as well as a certificate of clinical competence (CCC) earned by working under supervision.

*Most definitions are from the American Board of Medical Specialties’ website.*