

**Bibliography/Links – State Medical Boards**  
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**NOTE:** This is a list of organizations and articles providing information about state medical boards – with a particular focus on their effectiveness and consumer focus. It is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather provide an overview of key information on the topic. For more information, contact Carol Cronin: c.cronin@comcast.net

**CONSUMER INFORMATION**

Certification Matters – site maintained by American Board of Medical Specialties that provides information on doctors who are Board Certified

<https://www.certificationmatters.org/find-my-doctor/>

Citizen Advocacy Center

Assisting public members and the health professional oversight bodies on which they serve

<http://www.cacenter.org/>

DocInfo – sponsored by the Federation of State Medical Boards – provides information on where doctors are licensed and whether they have any board actions. Then have to find information on individual state sites.

<http://www.docinfo.org/>

Informed Patient Institute

Series of Tip Sheets on “What to Do if You Have a Concern About Quality in a Doctor's Office” - discusses medical boards in CA, CT, ME, NY, PA & SC

<http://www.informedpatientinstitute.org/media.php>

Medical Board Roundtable/Patient Safety Action Network (PSAN) – a national coalition of patient and consumer advocates interested in increasing public awareness and responsiveness of state medical boards to patients, families and the public.

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Other PSAN Resources: <https://www.patientsafetyaction.org/new-resources>

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