

Questions to Ask Before You Select a New Doctor

- Does the doctor take my health insurance or Medicare, etc.?
- Is the doctor board certified in her specialty?
- Is the doctor affiliated with the hospital of my choice?
- How many patients does the doctor see in a day?
- How long do patients have to wait in the waiting room before their appointments?
- How long does it usually take to get a routine appointment?
- How long does it take to get a sick appointment?
- Will the doctor fit me in if I really need to see her?
- How much time does the doctor usually spend with a patient?
- (If you are into alternative medicine.) Is the doctor involved with or open to alternative medicine?
- Is the doctor's practice affiliated with an urgent care center?
- Is the office wheelchair accessible?
- Does the doctor's practice use a website for appointments, education or advice?
- Does the doctor have a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant?