

## To my treating medical team:



**A**s a member of Best Doctors, I have chosen to use their service in my current situation. Best Doctors services are designed to work with my treating team, not to replace them, so it's important to

have an understanding of what they do and why I'm using them.

### **Taking a look at taking another look**

Best Doctors offers their members a diagnostic confirmation service based on their own InterConsultation™ process. This process includes an exhaustive review of my complete medical records, including diagnostic tests, as well as retesting of any unstained pathology.

A multi-disciplinary team of Harvard-trained physicians reviews my medical records, identifies the pertinent issues and formulates the clinical questions; essentially they deconstruct and reconstruct the diagnosis. Any pathology involved is retested at a Centre of Excellence – University Health Network, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center – using the latest staining techniques.

This initial review produces a clinical synopsis; once it is complete, appropriate specialists from the Best Doctors, Inc. peer-nominated global network are chosen to review it, confirm the diagnosis and recommend treatment plan options. Their findings are summarized in a final report, which comes to me, the Best Doctors member. It is also relayed physician-to-physician, allowing my treating physician an opportunity to consult with top medical experts – an additional resource that may not be otherwise available.

Over 20 years, Best Doctors has completed more than 25,000 InterConsultations. In that time the process that has demonstrated real value, changing diagnoses in 22% of cases, and modifying treatment in 61% of cases.

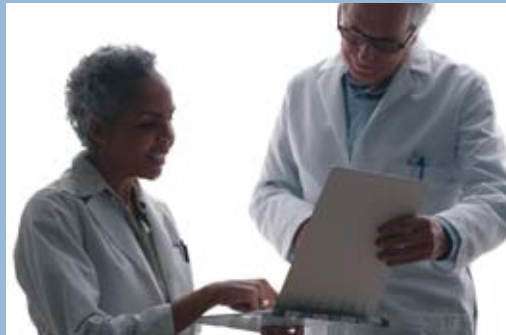
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When you need to be absolutely sure.

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### **How Best Doctors builds their network: "If you or a loved one needed a specialist..."**



Built over the past 20 years, the Best Doctors, Inc. network is a valued resource that contains the names and professional profiles of 50,000 of the top specialists in the world. Each one has been nominated by their peers for inclusion in the network. Created solely to provide the delivery of services to Best Doctors members and

their treating physicians, the network was built by replicating the way doctors find the best care for themselves and their families.

By asking one simple question: "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your speciality, whom would you choose?", the Best Doctors survey determines the specialists included in the Best Doctors network. Only those who earn the consensus support of their peers are included. Once nominated, physicians are checked for licensure, certification and disciplinary actions. The knowledge of the network's specialists is used to provide a unique combination of medical experience, skill and insight that Best Doctors members, together with their treating physicians, can access to help them confidently manage complex medical problems.

### **Collaboration: The Best Doctors mandate**

Founded in 1989 by two Harvard Medical School professors, Best Doctors mandate is twofold: to work collaboratively with its members and their treating physicians by providing additional resources, information and support; and to keep members at home, while receiving care from their treating physician. For members like me, the InterConsultation provides additional knowledge, answers my specific questions, reassures me that my diagnosis is confirmed and provides treatment plan options, without me having to leave home or change doctors. This allows me and you, my treating physicians, to make informed decisions together about my care.

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