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# Top Docs

A black stethoscope is positioned in the background, partially obscured by a large, bright red heart-shaped object in the foreground. The heart is made of a soft, felt-like material and is placed on a white surface. The stethoscope's chest piece is visible, resting on the surface behind the heart.

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# Our annual check-up with the city's physicians



What does it take to be named one of Albuquerque's "Top Docs"? Is it a scientific mind? A steady hand? A kind bedside manner? There's really only one way to find out—ask other doctors.

For the fifth year, we asked the city's physicians one question: "If you had to refer a loved one to a local doctor other than yourself, to whom would you refer them?"

Duke City docs used their medical ID numbers to log onto our site and cast their votes for their picks in more than 30 medical specialties. The following pages are filled with Albuquerque's physicians who are winning kudos from their toughest critics—their peers.

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