



TIPS TO HELP YOU

Search for Addiction Doctors

More than 5,000 medical doctors in the United States are board-certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry. We'll show you how to search three directories of these specialists. We recommend searching all of them to make a list of providers in your area.

Search for addiction medicine doctors

Two organizations certify addiction medicine specialists: The American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) and the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM). Each of their directories has about 2,000 addiction doctors nationwide. Search both to find all the options near you.

Directory 1: Go to American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) <https://certification.theabpm.org/physician-lookup>

Step 1: Start with the Search Form

1. Click the “All Specialties” drop-down menu button and select Addiction Medicine.
2. Click the button next to Zip Code.
3. Enter your Zip Code and select your desired Search Radius.
4. Click “Search.”

Step 2: Check for quality— current certification

1. On the results page, click on the name of the provider. This takes you to a “verification of certifications” page. There you can see the expiration date of the physician’s certification.



Step 3: Find contact information

1. Once you’ve selected one or more doctors, use your preferred search engine, such as Google or Bing, to look up contact information (address and phone) for each.
2. Add the names and phone numbers to your Treatment Options Chart. (<https://AlcoholTreatment.niaaa.nih.gov/toolkit-niaaa-alcohol-treatment-navigator>)



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Directory 2: Go to American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) <https://www.abam.net/find-a-doctor/>

Step 1: Start with the Search Form

1. Enter your **Zip Code**.
2. Click **Find Within** to select the distance you are willing to travel.
3. If your insurance is limited to in-state providers, click **Select a State** and choose yours. Otherwise leave this section blank to get doctors in all states within your search range.
4. Click the **Find** arrow.



If “no results,” select greater distances.

Step 2: Check for quality—current certification

1. On the “Search Results” page,” check for Current Certification Status look for: **Certified**

If not, move to the next one.

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Search for addiction psychiatrists

Directory 3: Go to American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) <https://application.abpn.com/verifycert/verifyCert.asp?a=4>

Step 1: Start with the Search Form

1. Select **Addiction Psychiatry** under **Select an area of Specialty** and select **your State**.
2. Leave the **City** blank to find more results, unless you live in a large city.

Step 2: Check for quality—certification

1. Check for **Certification Status** (on the right for each entry), look for: **Certified**

Notes: You can sort the results by certification status by clicking the up arrow after the **Status** heading. You can also sort by city by clicking the up arrow after the **City** heading.



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Name	City	State	Specialty or Subspecialty	Certification History	Status as of 7/27/2017
Provider Name	Bethesda	MD	Addiction Psychiatry* Certificate No. xxxx	Certified on 11/11/2018 certificate valid through 12/31/2028	Not Certified: view details
Provider Name	Bethesda	MD	Addiction Psychiatry* Certificate No. xxxx	Certified on 11/17/2018 Certification contingent on meeting MOC requirements	Certified: view details
Provider Name	Bethesda	MD	Addiction Psychiatry* Certificate No. xxxx	Certified on 08/27/2012 Certification contingent on meeting MOC requirements	

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Be sure to search for the other two options--that is, accredited treatment programs and addiction therapists, if you haven't done so already (<https://AlcoholTreatment.niaaa.nih.gov/how-to-find-alcohol-treatment/how-to-search-what-to-ask>).

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