

VETTING A DOCTOR BEFORE SURGERY

CHECKLIST

RESEARCH

- Look up state credentials with Florida dept. of health
- Check board certifications and associations
- Consult your state's medical board directly
- Look for reviews online on sites like Healthgrades, Vitals and RateMDs

RED FLAGS

- Lack of board certification
- History of malpractice claims
- Poor communication or bedside manner
- Unsanitary facilities
- Unwilling to discuss alternatives or pressuring you to make a decision



ASK YOUR SURGEON

- Inquire about the specific experience they have with the surgery you require
- Ask about success rates
- Ask the surgeon if they are continuing education and training
- What is the post-operative plan? How long is recovery?

ASK FOR REFERRALS

- Consult with your primary care physician about surgeons specializing in your specific procedure
- Ask friends, family and acquaintances who've had similar procedures for their recommendations
- Seek out second opinions

Notes
