Massachusetts Physician's Profile Database

If you live in Massachusetts, you have a powerful tool for learning the safety record of your doctor. The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine offers the Physician's Profile database on the Internet.

All you need to know is the name of your physician. The database will provide you important information, such as how long the physician has been licensed in Massachusetts, whether the physician has made a medical malpractice payment in the past 10 years and whether the physician has been subject to hospital or state board discipline.

The database will also inform you whether your doctor has had any criminal convictions in the past 10 years. The database does not provide the number of <u>medical malpractice</u> lawsuits filed against a doctor or how much a doctor has paid in <u>medical malpractice</u> claims.

The database will tell you the license status of your current physician. If your doctor is under investigation for possible <u>medical malpractice</u>, he or she will be unable to practice. Most likely, the doctor will have a status of "Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

The best time to use the database is when you're looking for a new medical doctor, but it's always smart to be informed. Visit the database now.

The database provides license information about doctors in a wide range of specialties, but does not offer information about Massachusetts nurses, dentists or pharmacists. Those professionals are regulated by the Massachusetts Division of Health Professionals Licensure, which offers its own online <u>database</u>.

To learn more about the database, visit the website of the <u>Boston, Massachusetts medical malpractice lawyers</u> at Breakstone, White & Gluck.