

UnitedHealth Premium[®] Premium Specialties

16 Premium specialties represent 45 credentialed specialties.

Premium specialties		
<p>Allergy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergy • Allergy and immunology <p>Cardiology*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac diagnostic • Cardiology • Cardiovascular disease • Clinical cardiac electrophysiology • Interventional cardiology <p>Ear, nose and throat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laryngology • Otolaryngology • Otology • Pediatric otolaryngology • Rhinology • Surgery head and neck <p>Endocrinology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism <p>Family Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family practice • General practice • Preventive medicine 	<p>Gastroenterology*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastroenterology • Hepatology — Liver disease <p>General surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colon and rectal surgery • Proctology • Surgery • Surgery abdominal <p>Internal medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric medicine • Internal medicine • Pediatric internal medicine <p>Nephrology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nephrology <p>Neurology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurology • Neuromuscular disease 	<p>Neurosurgery, orthopedics and spine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back and spine surgery • Hand surgery • Knee surgery • Neurological surgery • Orthopedic surgery • Shoulder surgery • Sports medicine <p>Obstetrics and gynecology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gynecology • Obstetrics • Obstetrics and gynecology <p>Pediatrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent medicine • Pediatrics • Pediatric adolescent <p>Pulmonology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulmonary medicine <p>Rheumatology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rheumatology <p>Urology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urology

* Premium specialty is assigned based on the physician's primary credentialed specialty. For physicians with a primary credentialed specialty of internal medicine and a secondary of cardiology or gastroenterology, Premium specialty will be based on the secondary credentialed specialty.

Important Notes about UnitedHealth Premium

The information from UnitedHealth Premium is not an endorsement of a particular physician or health care professional's suitability for the health care needs of any particular member. UnitedHealthcare does not practice medicine nor provide health care services. Physicians are solely responsible for medical judgments and treatments supplied. A Premium Care Physician designation does not guarantee the quality of health care services members will receive from a physician and does not guarantee the outcome of any health care services members will receive.

The fact that a physician doesn't have a Premium Care Physician designation doesn't mean the physician doesn't provide quality health care services. All physicians in the UnitedHealthcare Network have met certain minimum credentialing requirements. Regardless of whether a physician has received a Premium Care Physician designation, members have access to all physicians in the UnitedHealthcare Network as described under the member's benefit plan.

There are various reasons why a physician may not be designated as a Premium Care Physician. A physician may not receive a Premium Care designation because that physician has not been evaluated for a Premium Care designation. This occurs when a physician does not practice in a specialty that is evaluated by Premium, or when a physician's evaluation is in process. It also occurs when a physician does not have enough health plan claims data to be evaluated, but it is not an indicator of the total number of patients treated by the physician, or the number of procedures performed by the physician. Rather, it reflects the statistical requirements of Premium, which includes only health plan claims associated with specific Premium measures and relevant to the physician's specialty. In some cases, there may not be enough data to complete the analytic process from a statistical standpoint.

UnitedHealthcare informs members that designations are intended only as a guide when choosing a physician and should not be the sole factor in selecting a physician. As with all programs that evaluate performance based on analysis of a sample, there is a risk of error. There is a risk of error in the claims data used in the evaluation, the calculations used in the evaluation, and the way Premium determined that an individual physician was responsible for the treatment of the patient's condition. **Physicians have the opportunity to review this data and submit a reconsideration request.**

UnitedHealthcare uses statistical testing to compare a physician's results to expected or normative results. There is a risk of error in statistical tests when applied to the data and a result based on statistical testing is not a guarantee of correct inference or classification. We inform members that it is important that they consider many factors and information when selecting a physician. **We also inform our members that they may wish to discuss designations with a physician before choosing him or her or confer with their current physician for advice on selecting other physicians.**

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