

## Why Choose Your Primary Clinician on Medicare.gov?

Your primary clinician can help you make health care decisions and can improve how you manage your health care.

Your primary clinician is a health care provider—a doctor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse specialist—who is responsible for coordinating your overall care, no matter where you choose to get health care services.

When you choose a primary clinician who participates in the **Primary Care First Model**, a Medicare model that aims to improve the quality and value of the primary care you receive, they get access to tools and services to better coordinate your care and improve your health.



## Things to Think About When Choosing Your Primary Clinician

### Choose A Provider



You can choose any health care provider as your primary clinician—for example, your primary care doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

### Maintain Flexibility



You can still go to any health care provider who accepts Medicare, even after you choose a primary clinician.

### Change Anytime



You can choose a different health care provider as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician will remain the same unless you make a change on Medicare.gov.

## To Indicate Your Primary Clinician:

Visit the Medicare Find and Compare Health Care Providers webpage (<https://go.cms.gov/3h2KHWI>) and follow the directions under “Add your favorite providers.”

## Your Secure Medicare Account

Visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to login to (or create) your secure Medicare account. Your Medicare account gives you personalized information about your Medicare benefits and services at any time. You can do the following:

-  Create a list of your favorite health care providers and choose a primary clinician.
-  Find preventative services.
-  Check your health and prescription drug plan enrollment.

*Need help choosing your primary clinician on Medicare.gov? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048) or your Primary Care Practice. If you do not have internet access, we encourage you to work with family or friends or check in with your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office, library, place of worship, or community center for help.*

# Updating your PCP

## A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

**Primary care is important.** Your Primary Care physician (PCP) is essential to help you stay healthy and improve your quality of life by screening you for health-related conditions, preventing disease by identifying risk factors, and coordinating and managing chronic disease care for longevity and a better quality of life.

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# 01

Click on "Find & Compare Providers Near You"



#### Find & compare health care providers

Select the button below to find and compare nursing homes, hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers in your area that accept Medicare. Get information like:

- Quality ratings for local nursing homes and home health agencies
- Estimate of doctors' costs in your area
- Dialysis facilities and hospitals near you
- Contact information for local inpatient rehabilitation centers

**Find & Compare Providers Near You**

# 02

Type in the correct provider name & location, and click search.



MY LOCATION Palo Alto, CA	PROVIDER TYPE Doctors & clinicians	NAME & KEYWORD (optional) Paden Angelo	<b>Search</b>
DOCTORS & GROUP PRACTICES		Paden D. Angelo Internal medicine • 0.9 mi	

[Show search history](#)

# 03

Add your provider to your favorites.



Internal medicine

### Paden D. Angelo

Charges the Medicare-approved amount (so you pay less out-of-pocket)

GROUP AFFILIATIONS  
Stanford Health Care  
Performance information available

LOCATION  
300 Pasteur Dr  
Stanford, CA 94305-2200

PHONE NUMBER  
(650) 723-4000

**Add to Favorites**

# 04

Select your provider as your "primary clinician."



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Make this my primary clinician in my favorites

Your primary clinician is the health care professional you believe is responsible for coordinating your overall care, regardless of where you choose to get services. Your primary clinician may be best able to help you make health care decisions, which can improve how you manage your health care and lead to better results.

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### Forgot your Username?

**01**

Click on "Forgot Username"



**02**

Enter your Medicare Number from your red, white, blue Medicare card.



**03**

Enter Medicare Number, Last Name, and Date of Birthday and click "Get Username"



#### Log in

No account? Get a more personalized experience - [create an account now](#)

USERNAME

[Forgot username?](#)

PASSWORD

 [Show](#)

[Forgot password?](#)

Log in



#### Get username

All fields required.

MEDICARE NUMBER

Where can I find my Medicare Number?

LAST NAME

SUFFIX

None [v](#)

DATE OF BIRTH

MM/DD/YYYY

Month

Day

Year

/  /

[Cancel](#)

[Get Username](#)

### Forgot your Password?

**01**

Click on "Forgot Password"



**02**

Answer secret question



**03**

Create a New Password



#### Log in

No account? Get a more personalized experience - [create an account now](#)

USERNAME

[Forgot username?](#)

PASSWORD

 [Show](#)

[Forgot password?](#)

Log in

STEP 2 OF 3

#### Answer secret question

All fields required.

SECRET QUESTION

What was the name of your first pet?

SECRET ANSWER

[Back](#)

[Next](#)

#### Reset password

STEP 3 OF 3

#### Create new password

All fields required.

ENTER NEW PASSWORD

 [Show](#)

CONFIRM NEW PASSWORD

 [Show](#)

[Back](#)

[Reset Password](#)

If you forgot both your username and password, you can click on "Forgot username and password" or "Find my account"