



# Veteran Community Care

## Access to Information Prior to Surgery for Veterans

Prior to a Veteran undergoing surgery at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) or at an authorized community facility, VA has a responsibility to ensure the Veteran has access to information about the surgeon performing the medical procedure. As part of section 207 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, information that is required to be available to Veterans includes the surgeon's education, training, licensure, registration, and certification by the authorizing state or national entity. While VA maintains accurate, current records about VA providers, it is not the issuing authority for the legally required information about community providers. Veterans and their family members can access this information through the following resources.

### Accessing Surgeon Information

Information required to be available may be found on the following public websites. These websites are not operated or maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Visit <http://www.docinfo.org/> to confirm a surgeon's education, certification, specialty and states where license are currently active.

Training information is not available on the above website, and may be located on the individual surgeon's website or their office website.

Veterans may also visit <https://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare/> for additional information.

It is important to note that the option for Veterans to view their surgeon's information is voluntary and the choice to review this information will not interfere with any scheduled appointments.

For more information about this requirement, contact your local VA medical facility and speak with the local community care staff.