The quality of your health care depends on the qualifications of your health care professionals.

Through thousands of hours of rigorous training, Hoosier physicians become prepared and qualified to lead teams of medical professionals in the delivery of patient care.

Under the leadership of highly trained physicians, medical teams collaborate – sharing decisions and information as they work together to provide the highest level of care for patients.

That’s why qualifications matter in health care.

Meet the Indiana Physician Coalition

We are a statewide coalition uniting physicians, residents in training and medical students to advocate for physician-led health care that protects patients from harm, increases access to quality care and controls health care spending.

OUR COALITION INCLUDES:

Indiana Academy of Dermatology
Indiana Academy of Family Physicians
Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology
Indiana Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
Indiana Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
Indiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Indiana Neurological Society
Indiana Orthopaedic Society
Indiana Osteopathic Association
Indiana Psychiatric Society
Indiana Radiological Society
Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists
Indiana State Medical Association

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**HOOSIERS TRUST INDIANA PHYSICIANS**

Patients want their health care to be led by an experienced primary or specialty care physician — an M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) or D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine).

**HERE’S WHAT HOOSIER PATIENTS BELIEVE ABOUT THEIR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS:**

- **83%** believe physicians and nurse practitioners need to work together to give patients the care they need.
- **76%** believe physicians’ training ensures patient safety during medical emergencies.
- **76%** of those over 40 believe physicians should have primary responsibility for coordinating patient care.
- **73%** believe nurse practitioners treating chronic disease patients should be overseen by physicians.

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**CLINICAL HOURS REQUIRED IN PREPARATION FOR PRACTICE**

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**YEARS OF EDUCATION & TRAINING FOR HOOSIER PHYSICIANS**

- **4** years of medical school
- **3 TO 8** years of residency training and fellowship in a medical or surgical specialty
- **7 TO 12** years of preparation for practice

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