Have you done a checkup on your doctor’s license?

The Medical Board of California encourages consumers to check up on their doctor’s license. Such a checkup is simple and helps a consumer make an informed choice when choosing a doctor.

To determine a doctor’s status, go to the Medical Board’s website at www.mbc.ca.gov or call (800) 633-2322 and someone at the Medical Board will look up the doctor for you.

To use the website, click on “License Search” on the home page. Then choose the license type by clicking the checkbox for “Physician and Surgeon.” Then click “Search by Name.”

Enter the doctor’s last name and first initial. If it is a common last name, enter the entire first name. Make sure the names are spelled correctly. Then click on “Search.”

Click on his or her name. Review license details, including verifying whether any disciplinary actions are listed at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions regarding the information on the doctor’s profile, you may contact the Medical Board or discuss it with your doctor.

The Medical Board also encourages consumers to sign up for the MBC Subscribers’ Alerts on the home page to be notified by email of disciplinary actions taken against a physician’s license, including probationary status, suspension or revocation.

Encouraging patients to check up on their doctor’s license is part of the Medical Board’s ongoing mission of consumer protection. For more information or assistance, please call (800) 633-2322.