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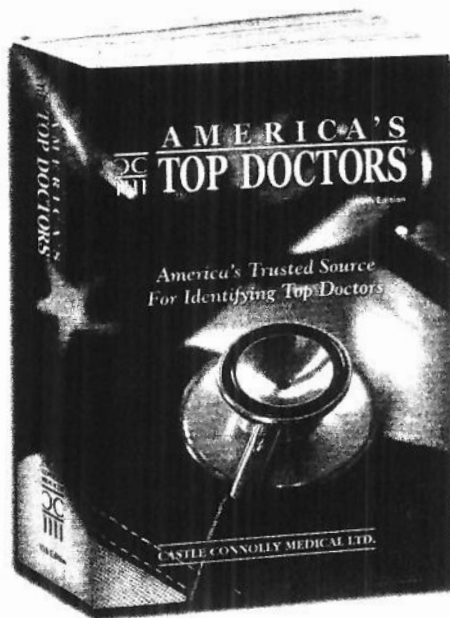
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Castle Connolly's physician-led team of researchers follows a rigorous screening process to select top doctors on both the national and regional levels. Using mail and telephone surveys, and electronic ballots, they ask physicians and the medical leadership of leading hospitals to identify highly skilled, exceptional doctors. Careful screening of doctors' educational and professional experience is essential before final selection is made among those physicians most highly regarded by their peers.

The result – we identify the top doctors in America and provide you, the consumer, with detailed information about their education, training and special expertise in our paperback guides, national and regional magazine “Top Doctors” features and online directories.

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**31 PHYSICIANS AT BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
RECOGNIZED AS “TOP DOCTORS”**

*Most of Any Hospital in Palm Beach County*

**Boca Raton, Fla. – April 21, 2011** – Thirty-one physicians at Boca Raton Regional Hospital were listed as “Top Doctors” by Castle Connelly, a research firm specializing in providing consumers with information about the nation’s best doctors and hospitals. As seen in the May issue of *Boca Life*, Boca Raton Regional Hospital had more physicians represented than any other hospital in Palm Beach County. This year’s list included:

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The Castle Connelly selection process for the Top Doctors listing begins with peer recognition through surveys that are given out to thousands of physicians nationwide and other healthcare leaders. They are asked to identify who they believe are highly skilled, exceptional doctors. This peer-recommended list is then reviewed by Castle Connelly for standards including medical education, training, hospital appointments, professional achievements and any disciplinary or malpractice history.

“While our entire staff is known for their clinical excellence, we salute these 31 physicians for such special recognition,” said Jerry J. Fedele, President and Chief Executive Officer at Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

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Born out of community need in 1967, Boca Raton Regional Hospital is an advanced tertiary medical center ([www.brrh.com](http://www.brrh.com)) with 400 beds and more than 800 primary and specialty physicians on staff. The Hospital is a recognized leader in oncology, cardiovascular disease and surgery, minimally invasive surgery, orthopedics, women’s health and emergency medicine, all of which offer state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging capabilities. The Hospital is a Joint Commission Designated Primary Stroke Center.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is the recipient of the *2011 Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence*<sup>™</sup> by HealthGrades®, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization. This marks the seventh year in a row that the Hospital has received this national recognition. Other 2011 HealthGrades rankings include: #1 in Florida for overall cardiac services and cardiac surgery, #1 in Florida for treatment of stroke, #2 in Florida for gastrointestinal services and #3 in Florida for gastrointestinal medical treatment. This is the second consecutive year that the Institution is ranked number one in the state of Florida for cardiac surgery. The Hospital is also the recipient of the *2010/2011 HealthGrades Women’s Health Excellence Award*<sup>™</sup> and the *2011 HealthGrades Emergency Medicine Excellence Award*<sup>™</sup>, making this the second year in a row to receive this national recognition.