



## Consumer Health Decisions # 3

### Locating Healthcare Provider Certification Information

In Wisconsin, the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) has an on-line database that provides information on healthcare providers. By accessing this website, you can also learn about the scope of practice for health professions. The web address is <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/burhealth.htm>

Once you type in the web address, you will be taken to a page that looks like this. Click on any of the links to learn more about that particular health profession.



On the DRL website, you can also search for information about any healthcare provider in the state. You can see his or her current licensing status as well as any complaints that may have been filed. The web address is: <https://ice.wi.gov/LicenseLookup/individual.do>



Once you type in the web address, you will be taken to a page that looks like this. Enter the provider's last name, hit search, and you will see the Wisconsin licensing history for the provider.

- Discussion Questions:**
1. What information can you find on the DRL website?
  2. What information about a provider might prevent you from making an appointment with him or her?