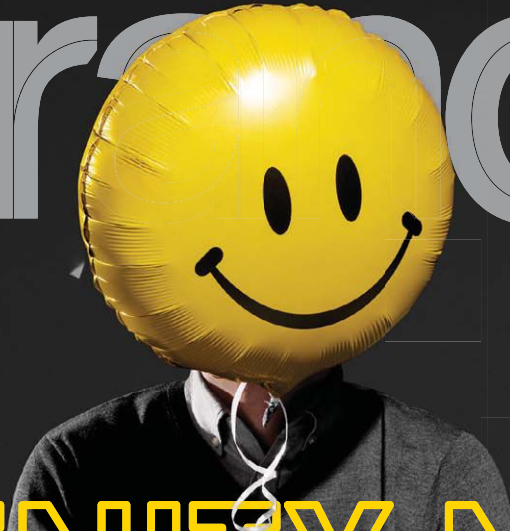


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## VASCULAR SURGERY

**Melinda L. Aquino, MD**  
*Endovascular Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Vein Disorders, Varicose Veins*  
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Castle Connolly allows all licensed MDs and DOs (doctors with a degree in osteopathic medicine) to nominate the best among them in any specialty across the nation. The company also requests recommendations from medical professionals in the Bay Area, including hospital executives and members of county medical societies. The company's researchers screen each nominated doctor's educational and professional experience, checking for basics like a quality medical degree, faculty appointments, hospital affiliations, years of experience, and board certification as well as malpractice suits and disciplinary action. Because so many doctors face malpractice suits, particularly in fields that have a high mortality rate, a lawsuit isn't necessarily a deal breaker. Castle Connolly's team looks into each case to ascertain if the suit was serious enough to merit disqualification. Physicians with any restrictions on their license, however, are generally excluded.

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