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research you do, the science of determining which doctors are a region's best is an inexact one. And digging through the thousands of physicians in the Bay Area would be a Herculean task, too big for any one magazine to take on. So we did what any good patient does—we turned to a specialist: Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a healthcare research and information company that has made it its mission to guide patients to the tion company that has made it its mission to guide patients to the finest physicians and hospitals in the country.

How does Castle Connolly do it? The company asks doctors to nominate their own. (And no, doctors can't nominate themselves, nor can they pay to e included.) After sifting through arly 1,600 nominees in eight Bay OETIC JSTICE ee Steinfeld volutionizes Period Piece



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