

Degrees to verify a Doctor :

- MBBS- if you see this on the board, you know this person has atleast the basic qualification of a real doctor. It may be followed by various degrees and affiliations.
- MD/MS/DNB- Postgraduate degree. This signifies specialization in a particular field. Both degrees are valid, and equivalent, just provided by different governing bodies. *MD is also a postgraduate degree in ayurveda, but it is usually preceded by a “BAMS” instead of the “MBBS”. Still, when in doubt, confirm.
- DM/MCh - These are degrees of superspecialty. Equivalent of a doctorate.
- DCh, DMRD, DVD, DA, DTCD- various diplomas- postgraduate degrees- all valid.
- There may be many more abbreviated affiliations, but if you do not see atleast one of the above degrees, in all likelihood your “doctor” is a fake one.

Doctor registration id :

- A practitioner of modern medicine in India would first and foremost be registered with either Medical Council of India, or one of the state regulatory bodies (Delhi Medical Council, Punjab Medical Council...etc). The registration number of one of these HAS to be there on the prescription letterhead or the stamp of the doctor. The consultation chamber would have a copy of the registration displayed.