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**EXPLORING A MEDICAL CAREER QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Instructions:** Answer the questions in complete sentences using the text exploring a Medical Career to answer.

1. **What things should you consider about your personality to know if the medical career is for you?**

* I care deeply about other people, their problems and their pain.
* I enjoy helping people with my skill and knowledge.
* I enjoy learning, gaining new understanding, often dig deeper into a subject than my teacher requires.
* I interest in how the human body functions.
* I intrigue the ways medicine can be use to improve life.

1. **What does it take to become a physician?**

Becoming a doctor requires a serious educational commitment. It takes from 11 to 16 years to complete your education.

1. **What are characteristic of the medical career?**

The characteristic are:

* Service: allows you to help people and advance knowledge.
* Action: doesn’t tie you to a desk all the time.
* Respect: your work and contribution are an important part of your community.
* Security: enables you to earn a good living with a secure future.
* Mobility: your skills and knowledge are in demand, wherever you choose to live.
* Flexibility: offers you lots of career options.

1. **What is the main job of a physician?**

The principal jobs of a physician are diagnosing illnesses and treat people who suffer from injury or disease.

1. **What is the difference between a primary care physician and a specialist physician?**

Specialist physicians differ from primary care physicians in that they focus on treating a particular system or part of the body.

1. **What else besides caring for people`s health can physicians do?**

The physician’s researchers are at work today developing new treatments for cancer, genetic disorders, and infectious diseases like AIDS.

1. **What are some of the rewards of being a physician?**

Medicine has many rewards personally, intellectually and financially.

1. **What is the average salary for physicians in the US and what does that salary depend on?**

In US doctors make about a $160,000 a year, but this amount can vary depending on where physicians live ad what type of medical specialty they practice.

1. **How many hours may physicians work a week?**

The work hours can be long and unpredictable. Many doctors work more than 60 hours a week.

1. **Why is medical school a challenge?**

Medical school is challenging for a reason: if you plan to take responsibility for people’s health and well-being, you’ve got to be committed to learning.

1. **Describe the medical school in the US.**

Medical school usually lasts four years. In general, during the first two years, you study the sciences basic to medicine: anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, pathology, and pharmacology, as well as behavioral sciences; introductory patient interviewing and examination techniques; and an introduction to health care.

1. **Why is medical school tough?**

A lot will be demanded of you both in the volume of information you will be expected to master and the rate at which you will be expected to learn.