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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.**

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

**R/:**

* Do I care deeply about other people, their problems, and their pain?
* Do I enjoy helping people whit my skills and knowledge?
* Do I enjoy learning, gaining new understand?
* Do I often dig deeper into a subject than my teacher requires?
* Do I understand the value of learning beyond just making good grades?
* Am I interested in how the human body functions?
* Am I intrigued by the ways medicine can be used to improve life?

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

**R/:** Becoming ad doctor requires a serious educational commitment. It takes from 11 to 16 years to complete your education, including four years of undergraduate school, four years of medical school and from the tree to eight years of residency training in a desired specialty.

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

**R/:**

* Service
* Action
* Respect
* Security
* Mobility
* Flexibility

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

**R/:** Doctors diagnose illnesses and treat people who suffer from injury or disease.

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

**R/:** primary care physicians focus on providing medical service to families, as are the overall medical internist and pediatrician.

Specialist doctors focus only on the treatment of a system or body part.

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

**R/:** Physicians also do many other things. Physician researchers are at work today developing new treatments for cancer, genetic disorders, and infectious diseases like AIDS. Academic physicians share their skills and wisdom by teaching medical students and residents. Others work with health maintenance organizations, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, health insurance companies, or in corporations directing health and safety programs. People with medical skills are in demand everywhere.

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

**R/:** The rewards of being a physician are:

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?**

**R/:** On average doctors make about 160000 a year, but this amount can vary depending on where physicians live and what type medical specialty they practice.

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

**R/:** Many doctors work more than 60 hours a week.

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

**R/:** Medical school is a challenging for a reason: If you plane 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.**

**R/:** Once you’re accepted, your medical school faculty and staff will do everything they can to help you succeed.

**During the first** two years you will study the basic sciences: anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, pathology, and pharmacology, as behavioral sciences. You’ll also begin learning the fundamental techniques of taking a medical history and examining patients. Next you´ll go into the hospital and various clinics to observe and work with experienced doctors and begin to learn how to take care of patients. At this time you’ll begin to explore the wide variety of career paths within medicine, such as family practice, internal medicine, surgery, psychiatry, obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics.

**Your final years** are spent continuing your contact with patients and doctors in a clinical setting while taking elective courses.

After medical school you will spend 3 to 7 years in residency, where you will gain further experience and training, in the specialty you have chosen. You already may have an idea of which specialties interested you; however it is good to keep an open mind until your third year of medical.

1. **Why is Medical School tough?**

**R/:** The medical school is tough because it requires a lot of students in the volume of information that the teacher assigned to study as well as the strong pace of learning. You will need good study habits and time management skills as well as a strong academic background.