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**EXPLORING A MEDICAL CAREER QUESTIONNAIRE**

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

The things that I should consider about my personality to know if the medical career is for me are:

* I should want challenges, opportunities, and a chance to make a difference.
* I should have an inquisitive mind.
* I should be interested in science and how body works.
* I should care deeply about other people, their problems, and their pain.
* I should enjoy helping people with my skills and knowledge.
* I should enjoy learning and gaining new understanding.
* I should understand the value of learning beyond just making good grades.
* I should be intrigued by the ways medicine can be used to improve life.

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

Becoming a physician takes from 11 to 16 years, including fours years of undergraduate school, four years of medical school, and from three to eight years of residency training in a desired specialty.

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

The characteristics of the medical career are:

* Service: Allows you to help people and advance knowledge.
* Action: Doesn`t tie you to a desk all the time.
* Respect: Your wok and contributions 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 main job of a physician is caring for people, keeping up with advances in medicine, and working as a part of a health care team.

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

The difference between a primary care physician and a specialist physician is that a primary care physician is the first doctor people consult for medical care and a specialist physician focuses on treating a particular system or part of the body.

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

The physicians besides caring for people`s health can work to develop new treatments for cancer, genetic disorders and infectious diseases. Also the physicians share their skills and wisdom by teaching medical students and residents. In addition, others physicians work with health maintenance organizations, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, health insurance companies, or in corporations directing health and safety programs.

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

Some of the rewards of being a physician are personality, intellectually, and financially.

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

The average salary for physicians in the US is $160,000 a year, and this salary depends on where physicians live and what type of medical specialty they practice.

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

The physicians may work more than 60 hours a week.

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

Medical school is a challenge 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.**

The 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. In the third year, you gain experience with patients in hospital, clinic, and office settings in the fields of internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, and psychiatry. The fourth year is a mix of required and elective courses where you gain additional experience caring for patients.

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

Medical School is tough, because 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.