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Physicians

Have you ever wondered how physicians know so much? How they are able to recognize health problems as different as strep throat, pulled muscles, allergic reactions, ulcers, and asthma -- sometimes all before lunch? Physicians are trained to both see the big picture and zoom in on the problem's cause. And if they can't fix the problem, it's their job to refer the patient to a specialist who can.

If you are a big-picture person and have a good bedside manner, a career as a **physician** may be for you.

General practitioners, also known as family doctors, are often a patient's main doctor. They perform yearly checkups, treat a variety of conditions, and refer patients to specialists.

Are You Ready To...?

- Spot and treat a wide range of health problems
- Spend years studying and training, and a lifetime keeping up with advances in medicine
- Help patients maintain their health and prevent illness
- Give some patients bad news
- Balance heavy workloads with your personal life

It Helps To Be...

A self-motivated, compassionate, decision maker and investigator. Curiosity and conviction are often what keep physicians going -- that and the constant process of learning from and helping their patients.

A Day In The Life...

- Advise patients on effects of health conditions or treatments.
- Analyze patient data to determine patient needs or treatment goals.
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment.
- Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment.

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$72.98

*That comes out to more than
\$151,791 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
1,595 Physicians.
By 2026, we'll need 1,870.**

Could you be one of the 275?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for registered nurses with a **bachelor's or associate's degree.**



Top 5 Industries for Physicians

1. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
2. Offices of Physicians
3. Federal Government
4. Outpatient Care Centers
5. Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories

Related Majors

- Biology
- Nursing (RN)
- Physician Assistance
- Exercise Science
- Pre-medicine
- Biomedical Engineering

Related Industry Certifications

- Electronic Fetal Monitoring
- Certified Diabetes Educator
- Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality

Related Careers

- Advanced-Practice Nurses
- Dentists
- Internists
- Physician Assistants
- Surgeons
- Veterinarians

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