



Medicine

Merit Badge Workbook

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. Discuss with your counselor the influence that EIGHT of the following people had on the history of medicine:

a. Hippocrates _____

b. William Harvey _____

c. Antoine van Leeuwenhoek _____

d. Edward Jenner _____

e. Florence Nightingale _____

f. Louis Pasteur _____

g. Gregor Mendel _____

h. Joseph Lister _____

i. Robert Koch _____

j. Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen _____

k. Marie and Pierre Curie _____

l. Walter Reed _____

m. Karl Landsteiner _____

n. Alexander Fleming _____

o. Jonas Salk _____

p. James Watson and Francis Crick _____

2. Explain the Hippocratic Oath to your counselor, _____

and compare to the original version to a more modern one. _____

Discuss to whom those subscribing to the original version of the oath owe the greatest allegiance. _____

3. Discuss the health-care provider-patient relationship with your counselor, _____

and the importance of such a relationship in the delivery of quality care to the patient. _____

Describe the role of confidentiality in this relationship. _____

4. Do the following:

a. Describe the roles the following people play in the delivery of health care in your state. (Note: Not all may exist in your state.)

1. Physician _____

2. Chiropractor _____

3. Optometrist _____

4. Podiatrist _____

5. Pharmacist _____

6. Psychologist _____

7. Physician's assistant _____

8. Nurse practitioner _____

9. Nurse-midwife _____

10. Registered Nurse _____

11. Licensed vocational/practical nurse _____

12. Medical assistant _____

13. Emergency medical technician _____

14. Medical laboratory technologist _____

15. Radiologic technologist _____

16. Physical therapist _____

17. Occupational therapist _____

18. Respiratory therapist _____

b. Describe the educational and licensing requirements for five of those in 4a --other than 4a(1)- - practicing health care in your state.

Health Care Practitioner	Describe the educational and licensing requirements
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. a. Tell what is meant by the term "primary care" with regard to a medical specialty. _____

Briefly describe the types of work done by physicians in the following "core" specialties:

1. Internal medicine* _____

2. Family practice* _____

3. Obstetrics/gynecology* _____

4. Pediatrics* _____

5. Psychiatry _____

6. Surgery _____

b. Describe the additional educational requirements for these specialties.

1. Internal medicine* _____

2. Family practice* _____

3. Obstetrics/gynecology* _____

4. Pediatrics* _____

5. Psychiatry _____

6. Surgery _____

6. a. Briefly describe the types of work performed by physicians in FIVE of the following specialties or subspecialties:

1. Allergy/immunology _____

2. Anesthesiology _____

3. Cardiovascular disease _____

4. Colon and rectal surgery _____

5. Dermatology _____

6. Emergency Medicine _____

7. Endocrinology and metabolism _____

8. Gastroenterology _____

9. Geriatric medicine _____

10. Hematology/oncology _____

11. Infectious disease _____

12. Nephrology _____

13. Neurological surgery _____

14. Neurology _____

15. Nuclear medicine _____

16. Ophthalmology _____

17. Orthopedic surgery _____

18. Otolaryngology/head and neck surgery _____

19. Pathology _____

20. Physical medicine and rehabilitation _____

21. Plastic, reconstructive, and maxillofacial surgery. _____

22. Preventive medicine _____

23. Radiology _____

24. Rheumatology _____

- 25. Thoracic/cardiothoracic surgery _____
- 26. Urology _____
- 27. Vascular surgery _____

b. Describe the additional educational requirements for the five specialties or subspecialties you chose in 6a.

7. a. Visit a physician's office,** preferably one who delivers "primary care." (This may be that of your counselor). Discuss the components of a medical history _____

and physical examination (an official BSA health form may be used to guide this discussion), _____

and become familiar with the instruments used. _____

b. Describe the characteristics of a good diagnostic test to screen for disease (e.g. routine blood pressure measurement). _____

Explain briefly why diagnostic tests are not perfect. _____

c. Show how to take a blood pressure reading and a pulse reading. _____

8. Do the following:

a. Discuss the roles medical societies, _____

the insurance industry, _____

and the government play in influencing the practice of medicine in the United States. _____

b. Briefly tell how your state monitors the quality of health care within its borders, _____

and how it provides care to those who do not have health insurance. _____

9. Compare and discuss with your counselor the health care delivery systems in the United States, _____

Sweden, _____

and China. _____

10. Serve as a volunteer at a health-related event or facility in your community (e.g. blood drive, "health fair", blood pressure screening, etc.) approved by your counselor. _____

* "Primary care" specialties ** If this cannot be arranged, demonstrate to your counselor that you understand the components of a medical history and physical, and discuss the instruments involved.

Online Resources *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

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American Medical Association: <http://www.ama-assn.org>

Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov>

drkoop.com: <http://www.drkoop.com>

healthfinder: <http://www.healthfinder.gov>

Mayo Clinic: <http://www.MayoClinic.com>

U.S. Dept of Health: <http://www.health.gov/NHIC>

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