Medical Practitioner

(in Doctors and Dentists)



Medical practitioners diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities. They may specialise in particular areas of modern medicine or work in general practice and, where necessary, refer the patient to a specialist.



2.17% rise in employment over the next 5 years.



Typically shift work although high level specialists will often move to a standard working week.

- Administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases.
- Diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment/surgery.
- Examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results.

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Social Worker

Social workers provide information, advice and support to those who are socially excluded or are experiencing crisis; they protect the welfare of vulnerable groups including children, young people, people with disabilities, elderly people and people who are mentally or physically ill, and they may specialise in specific areas of work.



2.51% rise in employment over the next 5 years.



Typically office hours Monday to Friday but there may be frequent requirements to work outside of these hours including nights and weekends.

- Organises support and develops care plans to address service users.
- Interviews individuals and groups to assess and review the nature and extent of difficulties.
 - Liaises with other health and social care professionals and agencies to identify those in need and at risk within the local community.
 - Keeps case records, prepares reports and participates in team meetings.

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Paramedic



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Paramedics provide first aid and life support treatment in emergency situations and transport sick and injured people who require skilled treatment.



4.43% rise in employment over the next 5 years.



Shift work covering days, nights, weekends and holidays.



- Drives ambulance or accompanies driver to respond to calls for assistance at accidents, emergencies and other incidents.
- Assesses the nature of injuries, provides first aid treatment and ascertains appropriate method of conveying patient.
- Resuscitates and/or stabilises patient using relevant techniques, equipment and drugs.
- Briefs other medical staff when handing over the patient, and completes patient report forms describing the patient.

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