

The Proust Questionnaire has its origins in a parlor game popularized by Marcel Proust, the French essayist and novelist, who believed that, in answering these questions, an individual reveals his or her true nature.

## Proust questionnaire: Brad Fritz, MD



**What profession might you have pursued, if not for medicine?**

Professional golf (but I wanted to be a doctor from age 2).

**Which talent would you most like to have?**

To be a better putter!

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

My children, Adam and Karyn.

**What is your idea of perfect happiness?**

Any one-on-one time with my wife.

**What is your greatest fear?**

Alzheimer disease.

**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?**

A too-mercurial temper.

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Dr Fritz is a general practitioner in Vancouver.

**What characteristic do your favorite patients share?**

The ability to discuss their problems intelligently and with passion.

**Which living physician do you most admire?**

My wife, Dr Deborah Money.

**What is your favorite activity?**

Golf.

**On what occasion do you lie?**

When the truth for a patient is too painful right off the mark.

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

When I say to a patient, "I think you have..." when I know they have something.

**What medical advance do you most anticipate?**

A Star Trek tricorder.

**What is your most marked characteristic?**

Tireless devotion to my family, patients, and profession.

**What do you most value in your colleagues?**

Their commitment to the health and welfare of their patients.

**Who are your favorite writers?**

J.R.R. Tolkien, George R.R. Martin, and Daniel Silva.

**What is your greatest regret?**

The assassination of Robert Kennedy.

**How would you like to die?**

Quietly in my bed at more than 90 years old with all my marbles.

**What is your motto?**

Don't believe the press notices you write for yourself.

**Tell us a bit about yourself.** Please complete and submit a Proust Questionnaire—your colleagues will appreciate it.



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