

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: Lindsay M. Lawson, MD

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

Physiotherapy.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Being able to carry a tune.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Raising three children to be family-oriented, loving, accomplished adults, with the help of my husband.

Who are your heroes?

My dad.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A family get-together.

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What is your greatest fear?

Becoming cognitively impaired.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Being too obsessive.

What characteristic do your favorite patients share?

Courage.

Which living physician do you most admire?

The physicians who work with Médecins Sans Frontières.

What is your favorite activity?

Reading for pleasure.

What medical advance do you most anticipate?

A cure for HIV.

What do you most value in your colleagues?

Their advice and support.

Who are your favorite writers?

Elizabeth George and Ken Follett.

What is your greatest regret?

Not taking time out during my studies to travel when I was younger.

How would you like to die?

In my bed, at home.

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