

Dr Toye Oyelese

Dr Oyelese answers the Proust questionnaire to share a little about himself.



What profession might you have pursued, if not medicine?

Software programming.

Which talent would you most like to have?

World-class guitar player.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Raising two amazing young men (my sons).

Who are your heroes?

I don't have any heroes, but I have a lot of respect for Muhammad Ali, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Maya Angelou.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Enough worries to keep me occupied and enough joy to keep me satisfied.

What is your greatest fear?

Heights, and people who have nothing to lose.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

My talkative nature.

What characteristic do your favorite patients share?

Respect and genuine appreciation.

What is your favorite activity?

Mentoring.

On what occasion do you lie?

When telling the truth would do more harm than good.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"Where do I go from here?"

What is your favorite place?

My mind.

What medical advance do you most anticipate?

Gene therapy.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Audaciousness.

What do you most value in your colleagues?

Honesty and hard work.

What is your favorite book?

Animal Farm.

What is your greatest regret?

Too little time.

What is the proudest moment of your career?

Requalifying to practise in Canada, against all odds.

What is your motto?

First be your own best friend, and then do the same for others.

How would you like to die?

With dignity.

Dr Oyelese is a family doctor in West Kelowna, where he practises comprehensive, longitudinal family medicine. He believes that family physicians are specialists in primary care and that healthy patients need healthy, well-balanced physicians. He is also the incoming president of BC Family Doctors.

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