

## **Proust for physicians**

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. Here is a version of the questionnaire modified for physicians.

Answer as many questions as you like--feel free to skip any question.

Name:
Location:
What profession might you have pursued, if not medicine?
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Which talent would you most like to have?
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What do you consider your greatest achievement?
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Who are your heroes?

What is your idea of perfect happiness?
What is your greatest fear?
What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?
What characteristic do your favorite patients share?
Which living physician do you most admire?
What is your favorite activity?
On what occasion do you lie?
Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
Where would you most like to practise?
What medical advance do you most anticipate?

What is your most marked characteristic?
What do you most value in your colleagues?
Who are your favorite writers?
What is your greatest regret?
What is your motto?
How would you like to die?
Your completed questionnaire can be faxed to the <i>BCMJ</i> at: <b>604 638-2917</b>
You can also mail your questionnaire to:
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