



## **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, and 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?**

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

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**What is your greatest fear?**

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

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

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

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**What is your favorite activity?**

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**On what occasion do you lie?**

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

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**What is your favorite place?**

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

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**What is your most marked characteristic?**

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

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**What are your favorite books?**

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**What is your greatest regret?**

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**What is the proudest moment of your career?**

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**What is your motto?**

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**How would you like to die?**

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