

# CAREER BRIEF

(Grades K-2)  
SURGEON



## WHAT IS A SURGEON?

- A surgeon is a doctor that performs surgeries on different parts of a patient's body

## WHAT DO SURGEONS DO?

- Operate on parts of the body that they are experts in
- They lead the team of medical workers and nurses in the operating room, where surgeries are performed
- Order tests that help figure out what is causing pain to a patient
- Check out a patient to see if they are healthy enough for surgery
- Check on patients after their surgery to make sure they are getting better and healing
- Use medical tools to do surgery

**Fun Fact:** *The earliest written record that mentions the practice of medicine is Hammurabi's Code from the 18th century BC in Mesopotamia.*

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Graduate from college with a bachelor's degree in any subject
- Take a test called the MCAT to become a doctor
- Go to medical school and study with other doctors
- Train with a group of surgeons in a hospital for 5 years

## SKILLS

- Be able to communicate and talk with patients and other doctors, so that they can problem solve together
- Be the leader of their doctor and nurse team during surgery
- Use their problem-solving skills to check out at a patient and figure out how to help them
- Be available to come to the hospital any time, so they can perform surgery when they are needed

***"Not all heroes wear capes. In the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the real heroes wear scrubs."***  
***-Anonymous***

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## FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTOR



### WHAT IS A FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTOR?

- A family medicine takes care of people of all ages. If you get sick, you would go and see a family medicine doctor

### WHAT DO FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTORS DO?

- Check in with patients to make sure they are healthy
- Figure out why patients are sick and how to help them
- Provide vaccines and shots that protect people from diseases
- Help patients to understand how to stay healthy
- Give patients medicine that will help them get better

**Fun Fact:** *Nearly half of all medical school graduates are women. This is up 30% from over thirty years ago.*

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Graduate from college and earn a bachelor's degree in any subject. Many family medicine doctors major in subjects such as biology, physics, and chemistry
- Take a special test for doctors called the MCAT
- Go to a medical school and study all about medicine and the human body
- Train with a person who is already a doctor, so they can learn from them

### SKILLS

- Be able to talk with patients and other medical professionals in a calm and kind way
- Use what they learned in medical school to help their patients
- Use their thinking skills to figure out what is wrong with a patient and how they can help
- Build a relationship with their patients because family medicine doctors are often the first people patients come to when they need help
- Use their computer skills to put in patient information and look up patient information

**“A good physician treats the disease, the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.”**  
- UNKNOWN