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AUDIOLOGY

Audiology is the branch of science that studies hearing, balance, and related disorders.

CARDIOLOGY

Cardiologists deal with disorders of the heart and blood vessels. The field is commonly divided in the branches of congenital heart defects, coronary artery disease, heart failure, valvular heart disease and electrophysiology.

DENTISTRY

Dentistry is the art and science of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions, diseases, and disorders of the oral cavity, the maxillofacial region, and its associated structures.

DERMATOLOGY

A dermatologist is trained to diagnose and treat pediatric and adult patients with benign and malignant disorders of the skin, mouth, external genitalia, hair and nails, as well as a number of sexually transmitted diseases.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

An emergency physician focuses on the immediate decision making and action necessary to prevent death or any further disability both in the pre-hospital setting by directing emergency medical technicians and in the emergency department.

FAMILY MEDICINE

A family physician is concerned with the total health care of the individual and the family and is trained to diagnose and treat a wide variety of ailments in patients of all ages. The family physician receives a broad range of training that includes internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry and geriatrics.

GASTROENTEROLOGY

Gastroenterology is the branch of medicine whereby the digestive system and its disorders are studied. Diseases affecting the gastrointestinal tract, which includes the organs from mouth to anus, along the alimentary canal, are the focus of this specialty.

GENERAL SURGERY

A general surgeon has expertise related to the diagnosis; preoperative, operative, and postoperative management; and management of complications of surgical conditions.

HOSPICE

Hospice is specialized type of care for those facing a life-limiting illness. Hospice nurses work with terminally ill or dying patients to help ensure their comfort and quality of their remaining days.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

A internist provides long-term, comprehensive care in the office and the hospital, managing both common and complex illness of adolescents, adults and the elderly. Internists are trained in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, infections and diseases affecting the heart, blood, kidneys, joints and digestive, respiratory and vascular systems.

NEONATOLOGY

Neonatology is the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment and care of newborn babies.

NEUROLOGY

Neurology is the branch of medicine concerned with the study and treatment of disorders of the nervous system.

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

An obstetrician/gynecologist possesses special knowledge, skills and professional capability in the medical and surgical care of the female reproductive system and associated disorders.

SPECIALTY DESCRIPTIONS (CONT.)

ONCOLOGY

Oncologists study cancers and seek to understand their development, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

An ophthalmologist provides comprehensive eye and vision care. They are medically trained to diagnose, monitor, and medically or surgically treat all ocular and visual disorders.

OPTOMETRY

Optometry is concerned with examination, diagnosis, and treatment of the eyes and related structures and with determination and correction of vision problems using lenses and other optical aids.

ORTHODONTICS

Orthodontics is the treatment of irregularities in the teeth (especially of alignment and occlusion) and jaws, including the use of braces.

ORTHOPAEDICS

Orthopaedic surgery or orthopedics is the branch of surgery concerned with acute, chronic, traumatic, and overuse injuries and other disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

An otolaryngologist provides medical and surgical care for patients with disorders that affect the ears, nose, throat, the respiratory and related structures of the head and neck.

PATHOLOGY

A pathologist deals with the causes and nature of disease by the laboratory application of the biologic, chemical, and physical sciences.

PEDIATRICS

A pediatrician deals with the physical, emotional, and social health of children from birth to young adulthood.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical Therapists are health care professionals who help individuals maintain, restore and improve function, thereby enabling optimal performance and enhancing health, well-being, and quality of life.

PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

A plastic surgeon deals with the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of physical defects of form or function.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and its functions, especially those affecting behavior in a given context.

RADIOLOGY

A radiologist utilizes radiologic methodologies to diagnose and treat disease. Physicians practicing in the field of radiology most often specialize in radiology, diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, or radiologic physics.

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	American Board Certification	FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
ABS	American Board of Surgeons	FNP-C	Family Nurse Practitioner Certified
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association	ICR	International Council of Reflexologists
ARCB	American Reflexology Certification Board	LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
AuD	Doctor of Audiology	LMBT	Licensed Massage and Bodywork Therapist
BOC	Board of Orthodontists/Prosthetists Certification	LMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
BSN	Bachelor of Science - Nursing	LNMT	Licensed Neuromuscular Therapist
CCAS	Certified Clinical Addictions Specialist	LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
CCC-A	Certificate of Clinical Competency in Audiology	MD	Doctor of Medicine
CCS	Certified Clinical Supervisor	MHS	Master of Health Science
CCSP	Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician	MN	Master of Nursing
CHt	Certified Hypnotherapist	MPH	Master of Public Health
COMPT	Certified Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapist	MPT	Master of Physical Therapy
CR	Certified Reflexologist	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
CT	Computerized Tomography	MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
DAACP	Diplomate American Association of Chiropractic Pediatrics	NCRA	North Carolina Reflexology Association
DACBN	Diplomate American Clinical Board of Nutrition	NP	Nurse Practitioner
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery	OD	Doctor of Optometry
DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine	OGNP	Ob/Gyn Nurse Practitioner
DND	Doctor of Nursing Practice	PA	Physician Assistant
DO	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	PA-C	Physician Assistant Certified
DPM	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	PNP-C	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certified
DPT	Doctor of Physical Therapy	PT	Physical Therapist
FAAOS	Fellow American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	RAA	Reflexology Association of America
FACC	Fellow American College of Cardiology	RN	Registered Nurse
FACOG	Fellow American College of Ob/Gyn	RN-C	Registered Nurse Certification
FACS	Fellow American College of Surgeons	RPh	Registered Pharmacist

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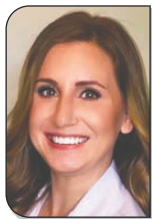
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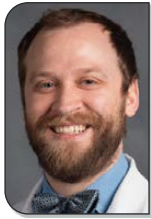
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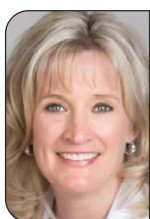
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4. Choose a fiber-filled diet, rich in whole grains, vegetables, and fruits.

5. Eat more vegetables and fruits.
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6. Calcium is important.
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