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Career Journal

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Period 1

CARDIOLOGIST

**Education Required:**

In life few people get to touch as many hearts as a Cardiologist. A cardiologist is also known as a “heart doctor.” However, this only tips the iceberg as to all that goes into being a cardiologist. A cardiologist is a board certified medical doctor, therefore must have a four year undergraduate degree, as well as completion of an accredited Medical School, and completion of a fellowship program in Cardiology. Typically this will be three to four years after medical school completion. Cardiologists also have to receive board certification.

**Duties and Daily Activities:**

The duties of a cardiologist are vast. However many people will confuse them as cardiovascular surgeons. A Cardiologist actually deals with diseases and disorders associated with the heart, and how to treat them. They will not preform Surgeries on the heart. Rather they will diagnose problems, and there possible solutions. Then refer the patient on to a specialist. The cardiologist can however, prescribe medicines or therapies which will help the patient to overcome their illness.

**Salary:**

The average yearly salary for a Cardiologist is between $150,000 to $450,000. The mean average is approximately $256,000 in the United States. Trends show the field of Cardiology kis currently growing, and this could be attributed to the rise in heart disease across our country (United **Stated Department of Labor).**

**Reflection**

In reflection I have always wanted to touch the hearts of people, as well as saving lives. Cardiologist definitely do this, however, I think what I really thought a cardiologist does is done by a cardiovascular surgeon. I would like to have more information on the surgeons, as they get to physically fix busted hearts.

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