

Where Do Doctors Work?

Doctors work in many places. Some doctors work in hospitals. This is where sick people go to get better. Doctors take care of the sick people. They check on them every day. This is how they make sure their patients are doing better.



Long Distance

Long ago, doctors used to make house calls. They would come to the home of the sick person. Often they would travel many miles to get there.

◆ This doctor makes a house call to help a sick girl.



Doctors Around the World

There are many communities around the world. Some do not have enough doctors. Doctors from around the world will travel to these places. They try to help. They do not always have the tools and medicines that they need. But, these doctors do the best they can. They help a lot of sick people.

◆ Some doctors travel to Africa.

Some doctors work in medical offices. This is where people come to see the doctor for a visit. Other doctors work in nursing homes. Some older people live in nursing homes. They need a lot of care by doctors.

Types of Doctors

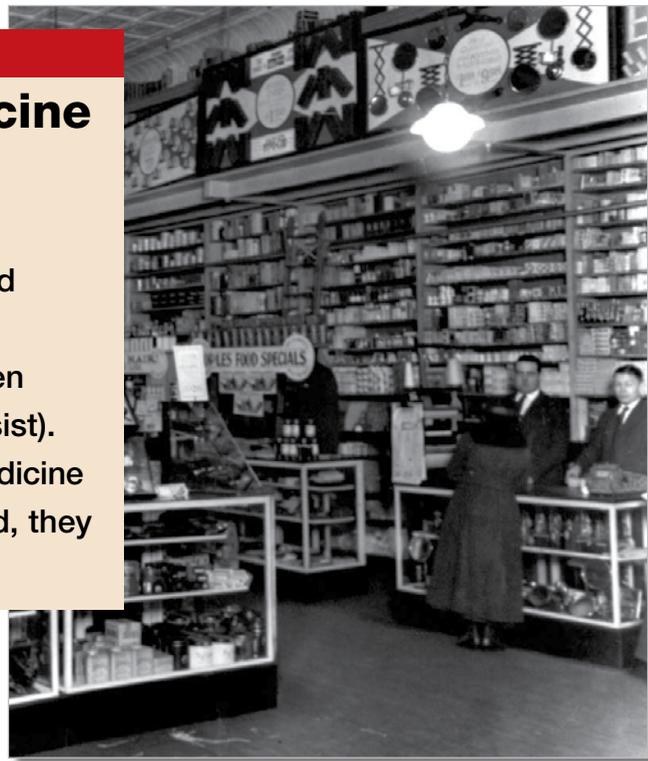
There are many types of doctors. Some doctors treat one part of the body. There are doctors for your eyes. There are doctors for your ears, nose and throat. There are even doctors just for your feet!

Other doctors learn to treat the whole body. They work in offices called family practices. They see patients of all ages. But, there are other doctors just for children. They are called **pediatricians** (pee-dee-uh-TRIH-shuhns). And, there are doctors that help women have babies.

Getting the Medicine

People get sick. They need medicine. It helps them get well. Doctors know what kind of medicine is needed. The name of that medicine is given to a **pharmacist** (FAR-muh-sist). Pharmacists measure the medicine and make sure it is safe. And, they answer questions.

A drugstore in ►
Washington, D.C.



◆ Surgeons operate on a patient

Special Doctors

Some doctors are called **surgeons** (SUHR-juhnz). Their jobs are very hard. They **operate** on people. That means that they fix things inside people's bodies. This can help save people's lives.



◆ A pediatrician

The President

Washington, D.C., is a city in the United States. It is also the **capital**. A lot of important leaders live and work there.

The **president** (PREZ-uh-duhnt) is our most important leader. He leads the whole country. He lives in the White House. The president works hard to keep things fair for everyone. And, he makes sure that the laws of the country are followed. Citizens of the United States vote for a new president every four years.

◆ The president of the United States lives in the White House.



Naming the City

Washington, D.C. was named after George Washington. He was the first president of the United States.



◆ Alexander Hamilton

Bright Idea

A man named Alexander Hamilton had a great idea. He wanted to build a capital city. This would be where all the leaders could work. His idea became Washington, D.C.

Congress

Congress is a part of the government. The people in Congress make laws for the country. And, they work closely with the president.

The **Senate** is one part of Congress. It has 100 members. That is two from every state. The vice president of the United States is the president of the Senate. He votes on laws if there is a tie.



▲ This is the room where the Senate meets.

The **House of Representatives** (rep-ri-ZENT-uh-tivz) is the other part of Congress. It is much bigger. It has 435 members. The number of members from each state is different. States with more people have more members.

Congress works in the Capitol building. ➔



◀ The House of Representatives meets in this room.

Two Days!

Rebecca Felton was the first woman to be a United States senator. But, she was only in office for two days! Then, a new senator took over.



Big State

California (kal-uh-FORN-nyuh) has the most members in the House of Representatives. The reason for this is that more people live there than in any other state.

