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# Essay for Medical School Application

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~~Tim's essay for medical school~~

I seek a career in medicine out of a desire <sup>the</sup> for a kind of professional experience that is increasingly hard to come by. At a time when our lives have become increasingly impersonal

communication is often reduced to a fax or e-mail, and the Internet practically eliminates the need to leave home - medicine still remains very personal, very immediate, and very real.

Being a physician <sup>involves</sup> demands a willingness to sit next to another person and listen to what he or she is trying to tell you. It entails a <sup>patient</sup> devotion of one's time and resources. Most importantly, it demands an openness to the <sup>individuality</sup> particularity of each patient's case, as well as the medical knowledge with which to treat it.

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I developed this particular view of medicine through two influential experiences: my volunteer work at Stanford Medical Center <sup>and later through</sup> my work as a member of a

community outreach program in San Diego. While attending West Valley College in northern California, I volunteered on the weekends at the Emergency Department (ED) <sup>at Stanford</sup>

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~~Stanford~~ In the ED, I saw how disease affects everyone equally regardless of race or class, and it was remarkable how similar the concerns <sup>people's</sup> of <sup>were</sup> people ~~were~~. The IV drug abuser with AIDS and the corporate executive with myocardial infarction both had similar fears, reactions, and questions: What is wrong with me? Why is this happening? What can you do to help?

Working as a member of a community outreach program taught me that being a physician demands cultural insight. One of the activities I helped coordinate during this period involved recruiting donations and <sup>providing</sup> tutoring to children in an orphanage in

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Tijuana, Mexico. Many children in this orphanage came from different backgrounds. Most orphans came from families ~~with financial problems~~ that could not afford to raise their children, while others originated from families that were wealthy but could not accept children for <sup>other</sup> many different reasons. By observing these poor children, I learned that it was

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crucial to understand the culture to give these children the best help <sup>I could</sup> as I was there I learned how to play their games and asked them to participate in my games. We <sup>came</sup> learned to know each other well. The better I understood them, the more comfortable I was in approaching them. I comforted, heartened, and provided them my best assistance, from handing out toothbrushes that we had gathered from charities to teaching mathematic lessons, so that their days could pass <sup>by</sup> a little easier. For me, these orphans were my patients and I <sup>cannot</sup> could not forget the fantastic <sup>emotions I felt</sup> feelings at the end of a day <sup>when</sup> as I saw them wave their little hands as I left.

At the same time, I believe that any dedicated clinical practitioner should also have an appreciation for biomedical research. My work as an undergraduate research assistant, and later as a full-time research health scientist in the Division of Otolaryngology at UC San Diego, has afforded me the opportunity to study various aspects of the auditory system. I have assisted in the development of a new assay to analyze temporal bones and am very excited about my ongoing work in developing potential therapies for sensorineural hearing loss. My efforts were recently recognized when I was published in the journal of *Hearing Research*. The observational skills I have gained in the laboratory will be invaluable to the work I will do as a clinician, since all physicians – whether surgeon, radiologist, or internist – must learn to respond to empirical data in order to diagnose and treat effectively.

These varied experiences have given me the opportunity to clearly define my professional goal. As our lives become <sup>more</sup> increasingly impersonal, I want to be the one who will use the warmth of interpersonal relation <sup>s</sup> in helping patients. I want to be the person who discovers what is wrong with the patients, as well as the person <sup>who</sup> that offers them help and comfort. My open mind and open heart will find a cure for my patients. Life is my passion; I want to be a Doctor.

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