

Why General Practice?



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Why did you decide to go into general practice?

I like the variety of work; the workplace and working with a team; flexibility of the hours; getting to know extended families, and putting it all together.

What are you enjoying the most?

I enjoy the staff at our practice and the excellent backup and experience the others have. We have fab patients also.

What is your most satisfying moment so far?

I remember recently being phoned by a patient and thanked for having his prostate cancer detected early. There are many satisfying moments in general practice.

What's the scariest or craziest thing that's happened to you as a GPEP registrar?

The worst experience I've ever had happened recently when an elderly man terrified me with his anger because I kept him waiting 45 minutes.

What do you think is the most desirable quality in a GP?

The most desirable quality I think is being non-judgmental and personable, as well as being able to listen.

What excites you most about the future of primary health care in New Zealand?

I just love general practice and hence embrace all challenges in the future.



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