

Doctors and Medical Health

1. What do you do in your home country if you are sick? What do you do in North America?
2. Do you have a family doctor? If not, where do you go for help when you are sick?
3. How long do you usually have to wait in a doctor's office or health clinic? What about in an ER?
4. What procedures did you follow in your country when you needed to see a doctor? Did you have to make appointments?
5. When you were a child, were you often sick? Share a medical story you experienced as a child.
6. When you were a child, were you afraid of taking medicine? What made it easier to take medicine?
7. What qualities do you think a good doctor should have?
8. Describe these medical professions. Which are the most important? Which would you prefer to be?

General Practitioner	Surgeon	Nurse	Optician	Radiologist
Pharmacist	Physiotherapist	Dentist	Nurse Midwife	Paramedic

9. Would you ever want to become a health professional? Why or why not?
10. Can every disease be cured by medicine? What are some alternative ways of treating illnesses?
11. Can you use your own words to explain these phrases? Can you give an example of each?

Chronic disease	Life -threatening	Terminal illness	Hereditary disease	Contagious
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12. What treatments are popular in your native country apart from traditional medicine?
13. What are the risks of surgery? What advice do you have for someone before undergoing a surgery?
14. Whose opinion will you ask for if you need to make major medical decisions?
15. What are some reliable sources of up-to-date medical information?
16. Do you know what a —Power of Attorney is? When will a hospital need to see one?
17. Do you think Ontario has a good healthcare system? Why or why not?
18. What is the healthcare system like in your country? Do you have to pay for doctor consultations, medicine, or hospital stays?
19. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a private healthcare system?
20. What is the best way to cope with a serious diagnosis?

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