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**William A. Brown, M.D. What made you pursue medicine?** My mother worked for a physician all of her life. I was around doctors and medicine from a very young age. **Your favorite medical TV show:** I get enough medical drama at work. I did like "Scrubs," though. **Most memorable patient:** A patient diagnosed with cancer with a terrible prognosis and short life expectancy. She never let her prognosis affect her positive outlook until she passed away after 3 1/2 years. I'm still inspired by her. **Healthiest habit:** Any outdoor activity. The one traditional piece of medical advice you don't follow: Always follow a healthy diet. **Secret talent:** I'm a drummer! **Favorite color of scrubs:** Whatever color is on the shelf at the hospital where I'm operating. **What makes you squeamish:** Almost nothing in medicine. I can't stand to see bad sports injuries on TV, though.

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**Calvin Dudley, M.D. What made you pursue medicine?** It was a career choice that allowed me to help people every day. **Funniest medical anecdote:** Non-stop butt jokes from patients attempting to describe their problems. **Healthiest habit:** Trying to maintain an adequate level of activity. The one traditional piece of medical advice you don't follow: I live to eat instead of eating to live. Green chile is addicting. **Secret talent:** I always wanted to be an artist. It's my secret love. **Favorite color of scrubs:** Green for sure. Historically, it's the traditional color, and I love green. **What makes you squeamish:** In our specialty, not much makes me squeamish, but I think snakes are creepy. I've never liked snakes.

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**Rohini McKee, M.D. What made you pursue medicine?** The desire to do something personally fulfilling that makes a difference to individuals and society. **Funniest medical anecdote:** I have many, but being a colorectal surgeon, they are not family-friendly, so I will pass on this question. **Most memorable patient:** An older gentleman who faced significant adversity, including homelessness, alcoholism, and chronic disease that underwent three surgeries, found help, an apartment, and got his life back. He truly exemplifies the meaning of the word "courage." **Healthiest habit:** I eat a lot of fiber! **The one traditional piece of medical advice you don't follow:** I don't sleep enough or exercise enough. **Secret talent:** I love to bake and cook! **Favorite color of scrubs:** Blue. **What makes you squeamish:** Eyeballs and saliva.

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**John David Carey, M.D. What made you pursue medicine?** While in medical school, my wife discovered a melanoma on my back. Her discovery not only saved my life, but it prompted a keen interest in the study of skin disease and treatment.

**Favorite medical TV show:** My first year of medical school coincided with the first season of "E.R." My medical school buddies and I used to love to try to figure out the mystery diagnosis before the first commercial break. **Most memorable patient:** Though they are sadly becoming quite rare, I really cherish the opportunities that I've had to care for WWII veterans. I've not met one who didn't move me with their modestly told stories of true heroism. **Healthiest habit:** I smile a lot, though it's contributing to my crow's feet! Better get some Botox! **The one traditional piece of medical advice you don't follow:** I'm not good at moderation. I tend to go "all-in" at everything that I do. **Secret talent:** I can exactly replicate the sound of a chirping cricket. **What makes you squeamish?** My son has a modest inventory of pet reptiles, and I'd never smelled anything as horrid as the bowel movement of a two-foot long Bearded Dragon. It is truly the most hideous odor I've ever experienced.

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**Karel Jill Ortiz, M.D. What made you pursue medicine?** I wanted to use my passion for science to help people live healthy, happy lives. I am blessed to be able to see people and their family members when in good health, and when they need help with their skin problems. **Funniest medical anecdote:** I have a patient who used the paper gown to pretend he was a ghost. He made holes for eyes and put his glasses on top. He now brings a little hat or funny glasses to each visit. I also had a patient who slid into a human puddle at the foot of the table when I asked him if he was comfortable. Evidently, the bed was too tilted, and he wasn't comfortable at all. We had a good laugh and I rearranged the exam table. I have never forgotten not to tilt too much! **Healthiest habit:** Ever since my internship, where I often wouldn't sleep for 36 hours at a time, I have been fastidious about getting eight hours. **Secret talent:** I practice hot yoga regularly and I am exceedingly flexible. **What makes you squeamish:** Raw meat. When I cook, someone else has to cut and handle the raw meat.

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**Angela Wo, M.D. Most memorable patient:** Every patient interaction is unique, so it is hard to pick just one. **Healthiest habit:** I apply sunblock every day. **The one traditional piece of medical advice you don't follow:** I try to avoid sweets, but I enjoy my desserts! **Secret talent:** I have performed on the piano at Carnegie Hall. **Favorite color of scrubs:** Light blue. **What makes you squeamish?** Spiders.

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