

Factors affecting seniors' career choice

Factor	No influence (%)	Minor influence (%)	Moderate influence (%)	Strong influence (%)
Lifestyle	6.3	22.9	40.9	29.8
Competitiveness of specialty	33.3	30.7	28.5	7.5
High level of educational debt	48.6	27.4	16.8	7.2
Mentor/role model influence	9.8	16.1	35.3	38.8
Options for fellowship training	16.0	21.1	36.0	27.0
Salary expectations	18.1	32.9	37.9	11.1
Length of residency training	23.4	36.0	31.8	8.8
Family expectations	39.6	25.9	23.7	10.8

Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, "Medical School Graduation Questionnaire," 2005