



Careers Behind the Checkup

One doctor's visit takes a whole team. Meet them.

Follow one patient through a visit to the hospital. Read each step, then write the career that fits from the word bank.

Word Bank: Registered Nurse Radiologic Technologist Ultrasound Technician Laboratory Technologist
Health Information Manager Pharmacy Technician Supervisor Physical Therapist Sterile Processing Technician

- 1 Takes your temperature and blood pressure and asks how you feel. Career: _____
- 2 Takes X-ray pictures to see inside the body. Career: _____
- 3 Uses sound waves to make images of a baby or an organ. Career: _____
- 4 Tests a blood sample in the lab to look for problems. Career: _____
- 5 Keeps patient records organized, accurate and private. Career: _____
- 6 Checks and fills medicine orders. Career: _____
- 7 Helps a patient get stronger after an injury. Career: _____
- 8 Cleans and prepares instruments so they are safe to use. Career: _____

Step 2

Which job needs the most attention to detail? Why?

Step 3

Pick one career and read its Career Profile. What would you need to learn?

Educator Page

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Time

30 to 35 minutes

Grades

9 to 12

Best For

Health care units, American Heart Month (February) or a Health Science lesson

What Students Will Do

Students follow one hospital visit through eight health care careers, matching each step to the career that does it, then reflect and research one career in Pathful.

Before You Start

- Print one page per student. The educator page is for you only.
- Read the word bank so you can pronounce each title. Duties vary by hospital, so tell students the descriptions are simplified.
- Make sure students can log in to Pathful for Step 3.

How to Run It

1. (3 to 5 min) Ask: who do you meet in one visit to a hospital or clinic? Collect a few answers.
2. (10 to 15 min) Students read each step of the visit and write the career from the word bank. Each career is used once.
3. (5 to 7 min) Partner check. Students explain any answer that differs.
4. (8 to 12 min) Steps 2 and 3: students write which job needs the most attention to detail and why. Then they read one [Career Profile](#) and write what they would need to learn.

Answer Key

1. [Registered Nurse](#)
2. [Radiologic Technologist](#)
3. [Ultrasound Technician](#)
4. [Laboratory Technologist](#)
5. [Health Information Manager](#)
6. [Pharmacy Technician Supervisor](#)
7. [Physical Therapist](#)
8. [Sterile Processing Technician](#)

Accept reasonable alternatives when a student can explain the choice. For example, a nurse may also record patient information.

Discussion Prompts

- Which of these jobs happen before, during and after a visit?
- Which jobs never meet the patient but still matter?
- Which would you want to try for a day?

Support and Extend

- Short on time? Do the matching in class and assign Steps 2 and 3 as homework.
- Support: read the clues aloud and let students point to the career in the word bank first.
- Extend: students compare two Career Profiles and note how much training each takes.