

Pediatric Endocrinologist

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My dream career is to be a Pediatric endocrinologist. I never wanted to be an endocrinologist until recently. Four years ago, my brother was diagnosed with type one diabetes. That was one of the worst days of my life. There was so much that we had to learn. I remember having to go to the hospital frequently the first month. My parents had been crying a lot, but there was one doctor that had helped my brother and my family. She was an endocrinologist at the hospital. She didn't just make sure my brother was healthy, she made sure we were okay. She was so helpful and made things so much easier for my parents. Looking back on that now, I realize she was a real supporter for us. She has inspired me to want to help other families in the same condition. I want other people in rough times to have someone who cares and knows what it feels like to have this happen to a loved one. Also, I know a lot about diabetes because of this.

An endocrinologist is a doctor who specializes in diabetes. I want to specialize in children, though, because I like to be around kids. I already know how to give a child shots in an area that the insulin will act quickly, how to change a Medtronic Insulin Pump site, and how to do an hourly blood sugar check. I feel like this career would be something I would understand, and it would be giving back to the children.

An endocrinologist needs a bachelor's degree and must attend a good deal of health related classes. An endocrinologist makes an average of \$183,764 a year. It takes 9-10 years to complete all the training to do this job. I don't care about the salary, I just want to help other people. There are many levels to endocrinology, there are the basic doctors who would be at the local clinic and there are the very high in rank, highly educated doctors at the bigger hospitals. I would want to be one of the bigger more detailed doctors. As part of this career, I would like to be a coordinator for diabetic associations about fundraisers and programs to help people with this disease.

Diabetes has changed and continues to change my life in many ways. I want to pursue this career because I want to help people the way they helped my brother and my family. It made a big impact on my life and others. I hope my essay taught you more about endocrinology and children's diabetes.

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