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Medical School Graduated From: Harvard

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What factors influenced your decision to become a physician? My desire to use my god-given talents in the best way I knew – in service to others.

Did you have any mentors or influential people in the course of your medical training or career who made an impact on you? Almost every one of my professors did, which made my choice of residencies/specialties very difficult.

Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician? As an intern, I diagnosed a parathyroid tumor in one of my professors.

As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice could you not have done without? Sleep whenever you can.

What advice would you give to medical students graduating in the class of 2007? Be true to the profession.

What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice? MRI