Most Important Characteristics in a Doctor

Members of the Public and Doctors have very similar views on important characteristics/attitudes of a doctor

**Public Top 5**

- **94%** said behaving with honesty and with integrity was important.
- **94%** said respecting patients’ confidentiality and privacy was important.
- **94%** said doctors behaving in a reliable and dependable way was important.
- **93%** said acting in a responsible fashion towards patients was important.
- **93%** said treating patients fairly and without prejudice was important.

**Doctor Top 5**

- **99%** said behaving honestly and with integrity was important.
- **98%** said respecting patients’ confidentiality and privacy was important.
- **98%** said acting in a responsible fashion towards patients was important.
- **97%** said treating patients fairly and without prejudice was important.
- **97%** said communicating in a clear and effective manner was important.

*Survey of 1,000 members of the public
**Survey of 566 members of the medical profession
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