



# 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.



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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

\*\*\* For more information: <http://www.medicalcouncil.ie>