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**Keys to successful medical career:  
Curiosity, persistence and hard work**

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# Succesful physician: 7 special skills needed

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Education is what  
survives when what  
has been learned has  
been forgotten.

BF SKINNER

Good communication is  
the bridge between  
confusion and clarity.

Nat Turner

A BAD SYSTEM WILL  
BEAT A GOOD PERSON  
EVERY TIME

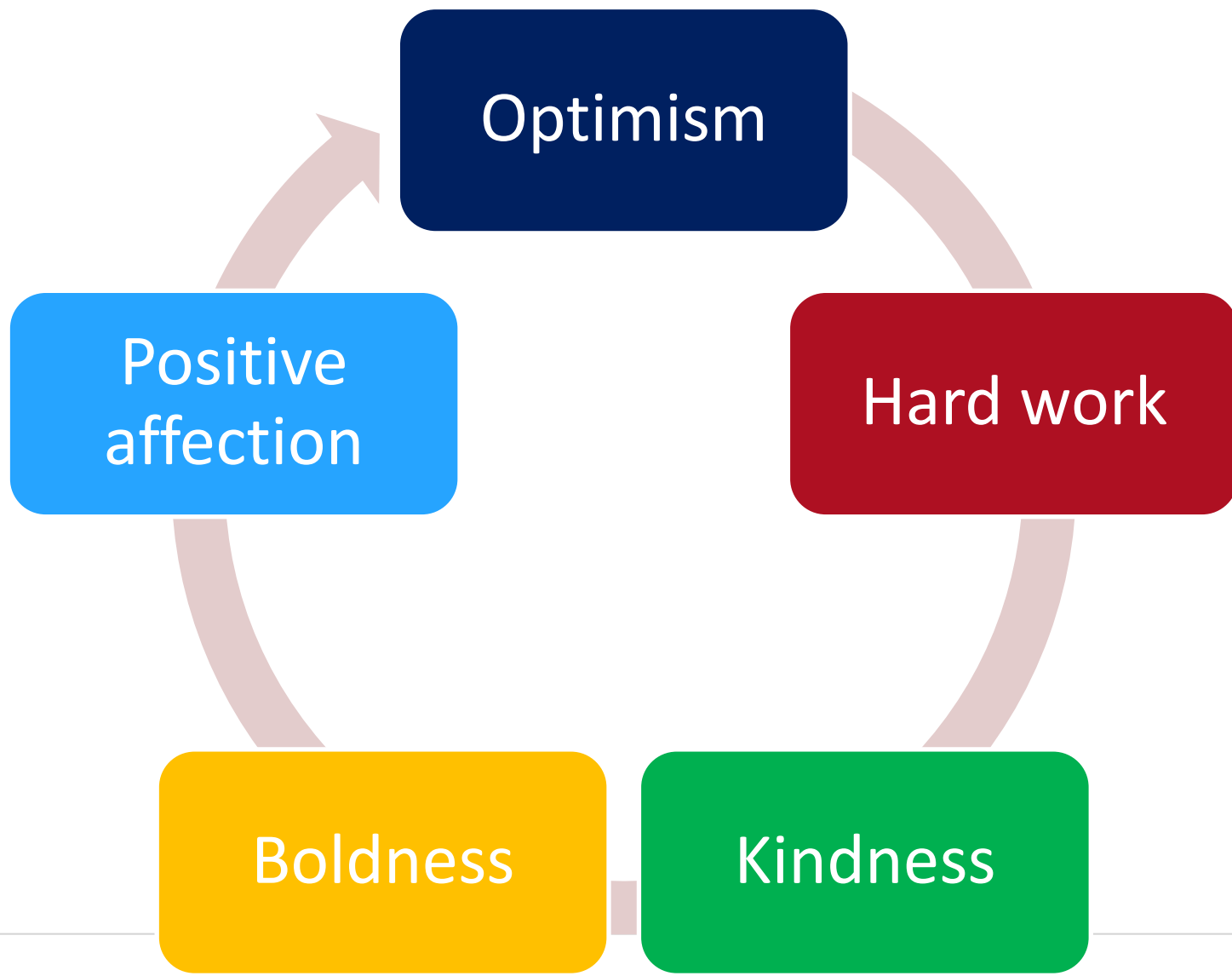
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1. Academic Foundation

2. Communication

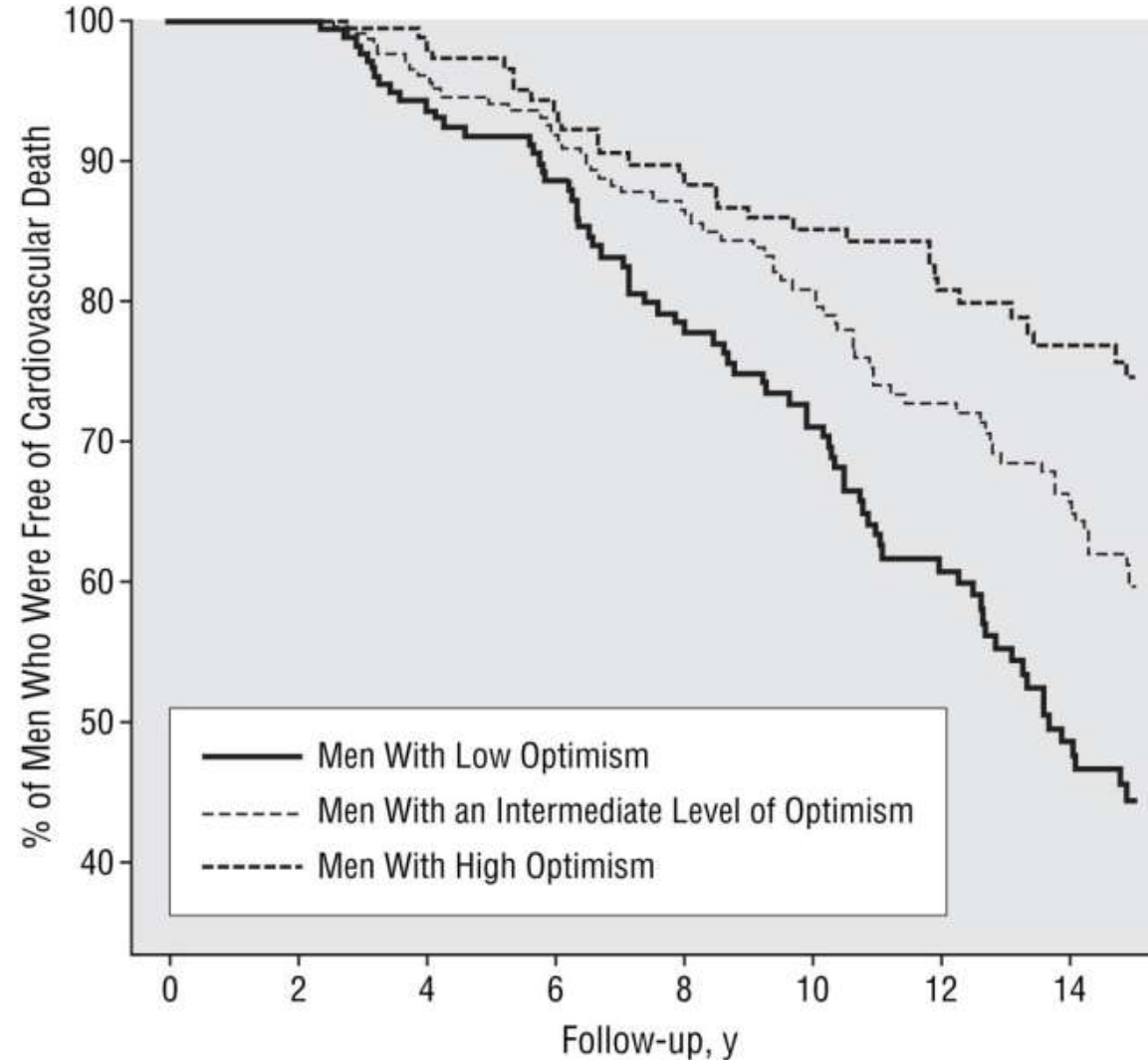
3. Understanding systems

# Be the part of the team !



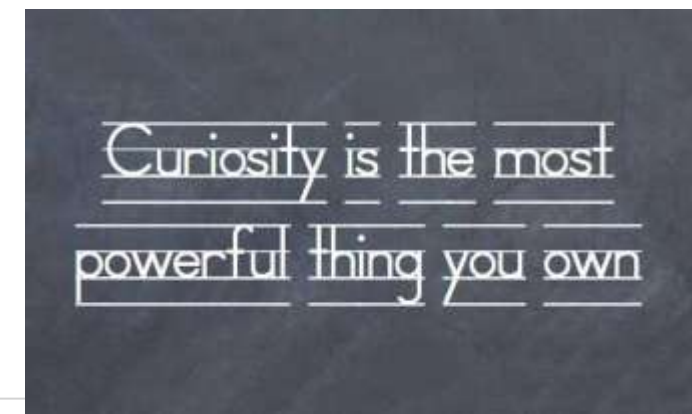
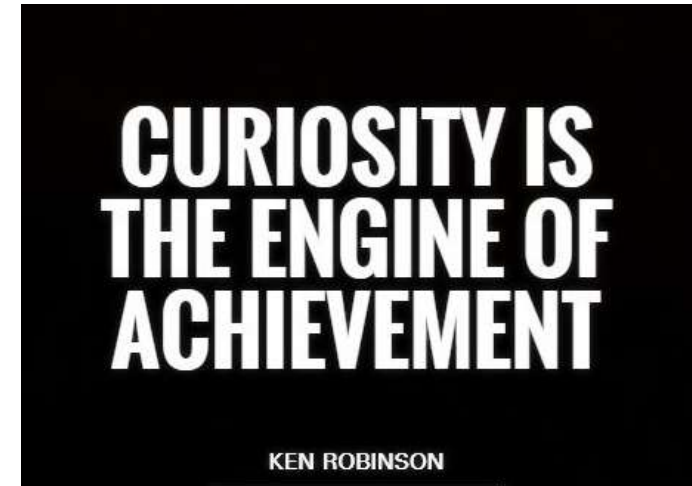
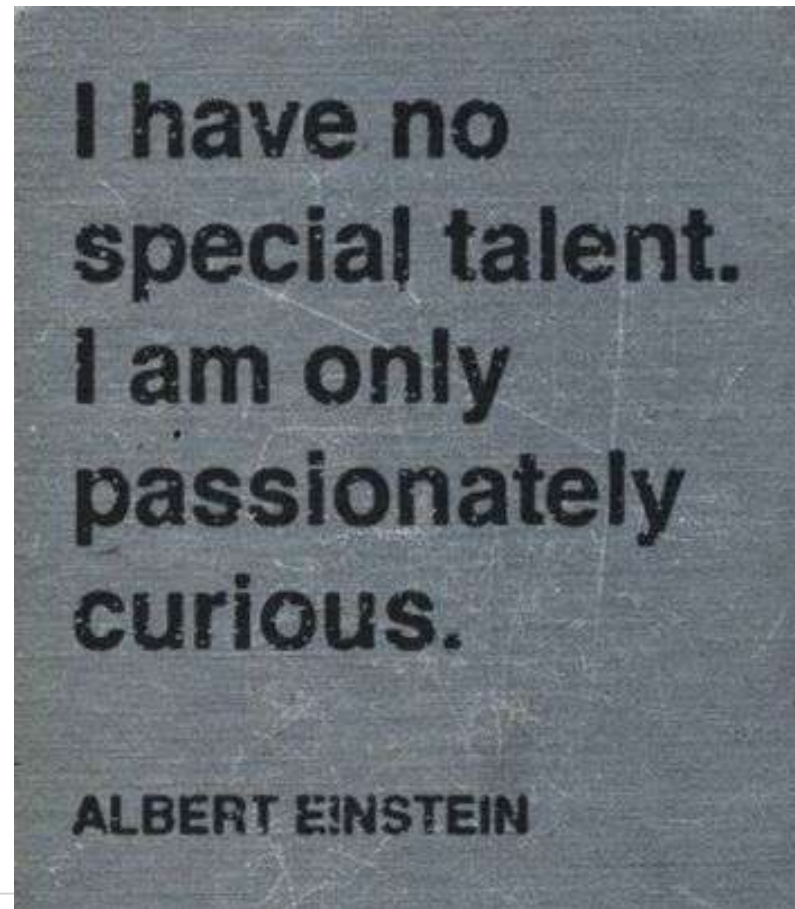
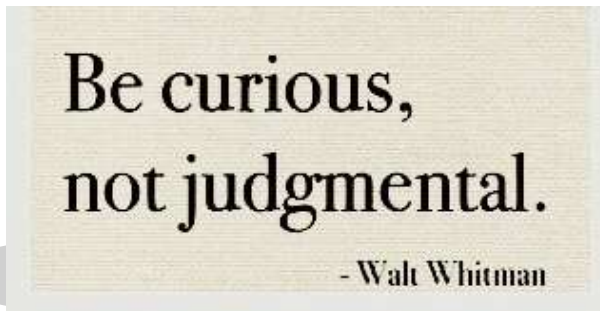
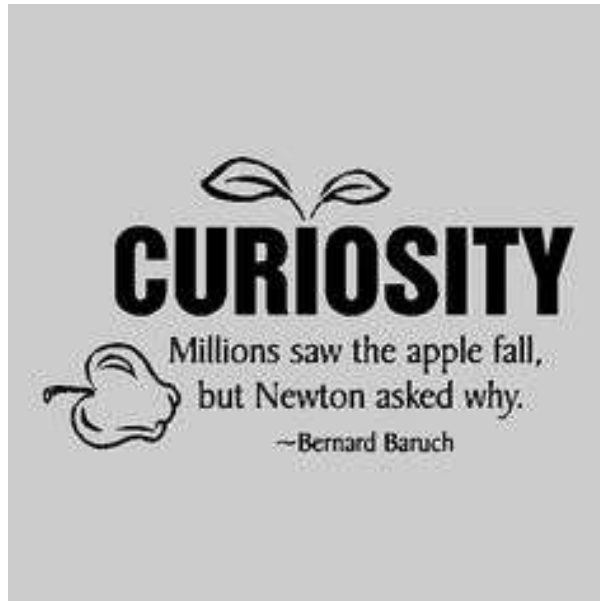
# Optimism...

Optimist live longer



**Recognize the opportunities when other do not**

**Curiosity is a virtue**





# Persistence...

The road to success is full of hurdles, dont give up as things get tougher

## HOW TO DEVELOP PERSISTENCE

- 1. A Definite Purpose**  
Backed by Burning Desire for Its Fulfillment.
- 2. A Definite Plan,**  
Expressed in Continuous Action.
- 3. A Mind Closed Tightly**  
Against Negative and Discouraging Influences.
- 4. A Friendly Alliance**  
with One or More Persons who will Encourage One  
to Follow Through with Both Plan and Purpose.

NAPOLEON HILL. THINK AND GROW RICH. CH. 8

## PERSISTENCE

per-sis-tence (noun) /pər'sistəns/

Firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action  
in spite of difficulty or opposition.

“Energy  
and persistence  
conquer  
all things.”

Benjamin Franklin

# Successful physician: 7 special skills needed

**COMING TOGETHER  
IS A BEGINNING.**

**KEEPING TOGETHER  
IS PROGRESS.**

**WORKING TOGETHER IS  
SUCCESS.**  
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**4. Teamwork**

**5. Ethics**

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**6. Technical skills**

**7. Information technology skills**



Every work is done better with fairness,  
honesty and courtesy

“  
**BE NICE TO PEOPLE ON  
YOUR WAY UP  
BECAUSE YOU MIGHT  
MEET 'EM ON YOUR  
WAY DOWN.**  
”

JOHN DRYDEN

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# Essential tips and tricks for successful medical career



- 1. Have a proactive attitude**
- 2. Hard working, soft speaking**
- 3. Correct attitude with the Professors/Mentors**
- 4. Dont count the work hours**
- 5. Consider Pro/Cons for every option**

# 10.000 hour rule...

## Talent is important, but hard work is essential



**“THERE’S NO SUCH THING AS WORK-LIFE BALANCE. THERE ARE WORK-LIFE CHOICES, AND YOU MAKE THEM, AND THEY HAVE CONSEQUENCES.”**

**JACK WELCH**



# Need to have/find a reliable and experienced mentor to guide you



## Find a Mentor

No substitute for the wisdom of mentor



## Forget About Fate

Don't leave anything to chance



## Keep Learning

Dynamic knowledge only survives



## Balance Yourself

Working/progressing steadily



## Pursue Your Passion

Love what you do, you'll do it well.

# Dont listen to the sceptics...

## They dont cross borders



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**12th October 1492. Columbus Lands in Caribbean**

# At the end of the day

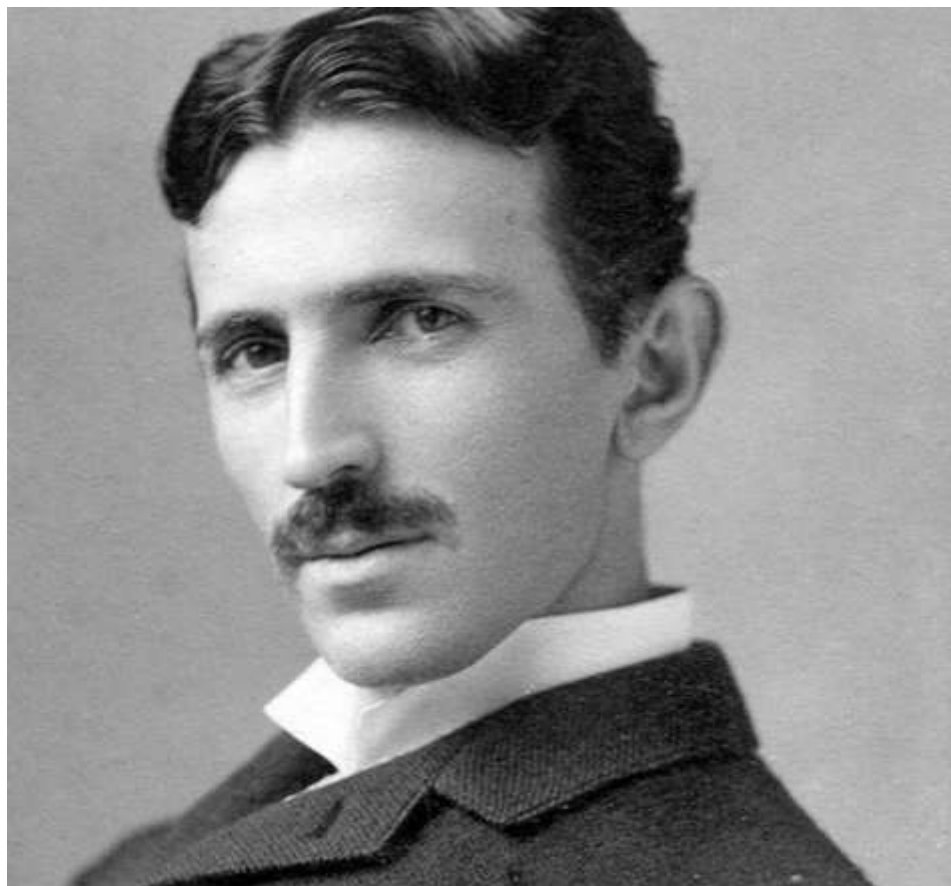
Remember: life goes on

wake  
up with  
determination.  
go to  
bed with  
satisfaction.

- Supportive family
- Friends and family
- Extracurricular  
Interests
- Personal Satisfaction



# Success...



I could only achieve success in my life through self-discipline, and I applied it until my wish and my will became one.

— Nikola Tesla —

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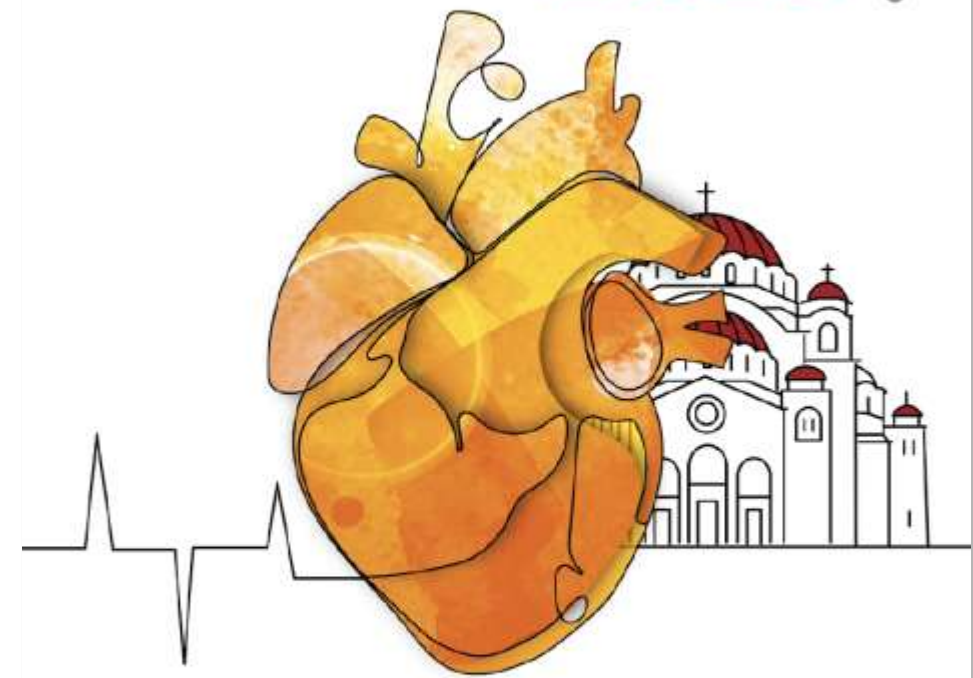
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