**What medical field has the biggest impact on society?**

 “Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability”- William Olser

Medicine has existed for thousands of years, during most of which it was a form of art (an area of skill and knowledge), frequently having connections to the religious and philosophical beliefs of local culture. For example, an ancient physician would use herbs and say prayers for healing. Most medicine has turned into a combination of science and art; stitching is a technique learned and taught through practice. It is a form of art, The knowledge of what occurs in the cellular and molecular level in the tissues being stitched arises through science.

Furthermore, every piece of art is unique and different, every single human being is unique. A society is built of people who have similar interests but yet, everyone has their differences. This also means that people have their differences when it comes to the medical help they need. In order to treat a patient you have to understand them first. Therefore, there is no particular medical field that has the biggest impact on society.

However, one most common fields of medicine right now, is internal medicine. An internist is a physician who treats diseases of the heart, blood, kidney, joints, digestive, respiratory and vascular systems. However, internists only treat adults and not children or adolescents. This field of medicine might have the biggest impact on a society with plenty of adults and not many children, however in a society where children and adolescents make up the majority of the society, this type of medical field would be useless.

On the contrary to an internist physician, paediatrics is also another common field of medicine. Paediatricians are physicians specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of patients from infancy to adolescence. Paediatricians practise preventative medicine and also diagnose common childhood diseases such as asthma and allergies. A paediatrician would be very common in a society with infants and adolescents but not needed in a society of adults. This just shows how two humans could need physicians in completely different fields of medicine.

Family medicine, however, is a field that can be most justified to have the biggest impact on society. This is because a family physician has in-depth knowledge coverage of adult and paediatric medicine. Family physicians can provide 80-90% of the medical care required by their patients but are also trained to know when a specialist is needed. This is arguably the field of medicine that has the biggest impact on society because a family physician is able to treat everyone from infants to seniors!

In conclusion, there is no specific medical field that has the biggest impact on society because everybody has different medical needs and every society is unique. However, family medicine can be justified to be the field of medicine that has the biggest impact on society because a family physician has knowledge of most diseases and illnesses of people of all ages.

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