

A collection of medical instruments including a stethoscope, surgical forceps, a syringe, and a pill bottle, all set against a blue background. The text 'Family Doctor' is overlaid in a large, bold, black, cursive font.

# *Family Doctor*

Nancy Haro-Ramirez

# About Me

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**Nancy Haro-Ramirez**

Born and raised in San Bernardino, CA

**UC Irvine- 2nd year Bio Major**

Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship-  
great academic standing allows for this  
award (\$2,500)

**Mesa Unida- Director of  
Community Service and  
Engagement**



# Middle School

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**Spent half of 6th grade in Mexico**

Adapted to the language  
and curriculum

**Wasn't interested in the  
sciences but loved English  
Language Arts**

**Didn't know what career path I  
wanted to follow**



# Eisenhower High School

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**1st Place Science Fair Winner- Organic waste paper**

3rd Place in the county

**Began to excel in my science courses  
(Honors Chemistry, AP Bio, physics)**

I knew I wanted to pursue a  
scientific career

**Volunteered at Loma Linda Hospital**

Worked with inspiring scientists  
in the lab





# Currently...

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Taking chemistry and biology courses  
at UCI

Take chemistry lab classes, which I  
find amusing

The medical aspects of my bio and chem  
classes intrigue me

Hope to get an internship or volunteer  
opportunity at a hospital soon to gain  
experience



# Family Doctor

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Family doctors take care of patients of all ages from infants to elderly

Spend a lot of time interacting with patients

Educate patients on health topics to help prevent illnesses in their lifetime



# Why does a doctor need to know math?



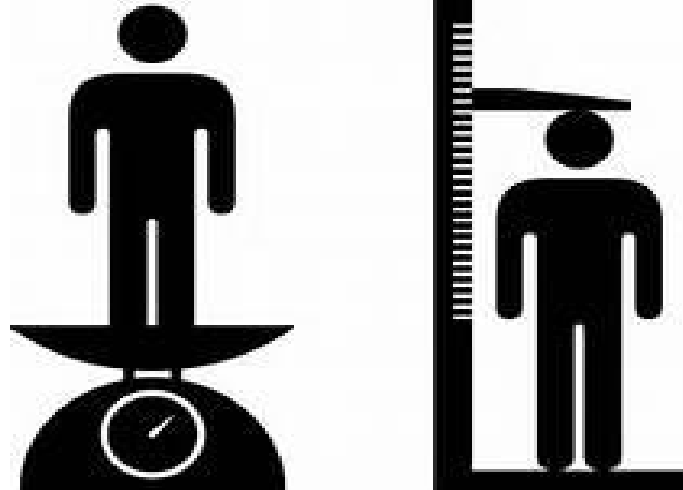
- Determine what dosage a patient needs according to their weight and height
- Doctors read medical study journals
  - Contain statistical data
  - Need to know how to interpret the data
- Mainly use statistics and algebra
  - Conversions (mg→g)



# Determining Body Mass Index using Math

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- Body Mass Index (BMI): A measure of body fat based on height and weight used to check if a patient is overweight or obese. If so, the doctor would give nutritional advice and perhaps suggest a diet to make the patient healthy.
- Underweight:  $<18.5$
- Normal:  $18.5-24.9$
- Overweight:  $25-29.9$
- Obese:  $\geq 30$





# BMI Example

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A patient weighs 115 lbs and is 5 feet and 7 inches tall.  
The doctor needs to determine the patient's BMI to determine if the patient is healthy or not.

$$\text{BMI} = [(\text{weight in lbs}) \times (704.7)] / (\text{height in inches})^2$$

$$\text{BMI} = (115 \text{ lbs} \times 704.7) / 67^2$$

$$= 18.0$$

The Patient lies in the underweight scale (<18.5) so the doctor will provide health guidance to get the patient to a healthier weight.

# Schooling- Total of 11 years after High School

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- Begin with pre-med
  - 4 years of fulfilling requirements for a Bachelor degree
  - Pre-reqs for med school
    - Advanced calculus/statistics and English
    - Physics, chemistry, biology
- Medical School
  - 4 year Medical degree (doctorate)
- Residency
  - 3 years in residency program
    - Gaining experience under the supervision of certified doctors
  - Pass board exam to become certified



# Salary and Job Growth

- Reportedly \$227,541/ year
- About \$90/ hour
- Minimum Wage in CA: \$10.50/hr

Job Outlook: 15% increase from 2016-2026 (faster than average)



# Thank you for your time!

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