

Hanna-Mary Cook

Mr. Speice

Independent Study and Mentorship - 3A

5 October 2018

Assessment 6

Name of Professional: Dr. Eric Andrews

Profession/Title: Diagnostic Radiologist

Business/Company name: Methodist Hospital Dallas

Date of Interview: October 5th, 2018

Assessment:

After attending the ISM business symposium and continuing to research and learn about diagnostic radiology, I had a much higher level of confidence and felt more adequately prepared before going on my second informational interview this year. The interview was at Methodist Hospital Dallas, with Dr. Eric Andrews, who has been working as a neuroradiologist for just over a year.

Dr. Andrews began our conversation by discussing the tasks that he completes in a typical day. Dr. Andrews said that he usually reads and diagnoses around 100 brain scans each day and also sometimes completes a few minimally invasive procedures. An example of a procedure that he would perform is a spinal tap. Compared to other interventional procedures, a spinal tap seems like something that I could handle performing on a patient.

Interviewing with Dr. Andrews also helped me to learn about the characteristics that he thinks are either typical of or required by a neuroradiologist. Similar to Dr. Wooten from the first interview, Dr. Andrews said that all radiologists have to be focused and good at thinking quickly and critically without too much information about a case. The biggest thing that stood out to me from Dr. Andrews' list of radiologist qualities was his idea that most radiologists are very inverted and prefer to work alone rather than around other people. Personally, I do not like working with other people in a group. I would prefer, however, to have other people working nearby that I could talk to or ask questions about something. Working alone in a dark room is the only thing about radiology that I do not like at this point in the year.

Speaking to Dr. Andrews about neuroradiology helped me to compare it to the things that I learned about diagnostic body imaging from the first interview that I went on and research assessments. After learning about both areas of radiology, my preference for neuroradiology has become clear. Neuroradiology sounds much more fascinating than full body imaging because the brain and the nervous system are more interesting than other bodily systems. Also, neuroradiology includes as much or more complexity in a single part of the body than in all of the many parts studied by diagnostic radiologists.

Similar to my feelings about radiology, Dr. Andrews said that he chose it at the end of medical school because it was his favorite of all the rotations because it fit his personality best and he did not want to be around blood. This represents how I feel because of the desire to explore the medical field, but feel as if the end result will be something without blood or contagious patients.

Like Dr. Wooten, at the end of the interview, Dr. Andrews kindly agreed to ask a few of his colleagues if they would be interested in meeting with me for an interview and pass along my contact information if they wanted to. This is very helpful because it will hopefully provide more contacts to set up interviews with in the future.

Overall, the interview with Dr. Eric Andrews at Methodist Hospital Dallas was helpful as it provided information about the differences between diagnostic body imaging and neuroradiology.