

# MEDICINE

# A challenging, rewarding and fulfilling career

# Are YOU...?

- caring and compassionate?
- a superb communicator?
- committed and conscientious?
- willing to work long hours in a very demanding environment?
- comfortable with exams and long study periods?
- reliable, professional and trustworthy?

## Do YOU have...?

- Iots of patience?
- ✓ a strong stomach?
- ✓ a talent for science?
- ✓ a broad range of interests?
- ...then this COULD BE YOU!

# Learn another LANGUAGE to add to your skills in this highly competitive field



### How ? Think about:

- Gaining work experience e.g. in a local hospital – this is essential when applying for Medicine or Nursing or any other medical discipline
- ✓ Getting A Levels in Maths, Biology and another Science, at least 1 other AS level, GCSEs in English or Welsh, Maths and Science – note that most universities require very high grades in all subjects in order to get a place
- Demonstrating that you have a broad range of interests – languages are ideal for showing that you have an understanding of other cultures and that you have excellent communication skills

#### **Think Languages:**

"Although I don't specifically use my A Level French in my every day work, the communication and logic skills you gain from learning a language are extremely useful in what can be a very stressful work place. My job means I deal with people from all sorts of different backgrounds on a daily basis and being culturally aware helps with that."

- Dr J Holme, SHO, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend

## Want to know more? Check these out:

# Advice on study, training and careers in medicine –

- NHS Wales Careers
  www.nhswalescareers.com
- www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk
- www.medicalcareers.nhs.uk
- www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students
- www.see-science.co.uk

#### Advice on the next step -

- www.ucas.com
- www.careerswales.com

#### Advice on languages -

- www.ciltcymru.org.uk
- www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/cymru
- www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk
- www.languageswork.org.uk
- www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk
- www.europa.eu/languages
- Check out the European Commission's website for opportunities to work and study abroad: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learningprogramme/languages\_en.htm

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