Proust for physicians

The Proust Questionnaire has its origins in a parlor game popularized by Marcel Proust, the French essayist and novelist, who believed that, in answering these questions, an individual reveals his or her true nature. Here is a version of the questionnaire modified for physicians. Answer as many questions as you like, and feel free to skip any question.

Name: __________________________________________________________________
Location: __________________________________________________________________

What profession might you have pursued, if not medicine?
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Which talent would you most like to have?
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What do you consider your greatest achievement?
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Who are your heroes?
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What is your idea of perfect happiness?
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What is your greatest fear?
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What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?
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What characteristic do your favorite patients share?
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Which living physician do you most admire?
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What is your favorite activity?
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On what occasion do you lie?
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Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
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What is your favorite place?
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What medical advance do you most anticipate?
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What is your most marked characteristic?
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What do you most value in your colleagues?
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What are your favorite books?
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What is your greatest regret?
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What is the proudest moment of your career?
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What is your motto?
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How would you like to die?
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