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# Specialist medical practitioner

Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO)

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**Definition:** A medical doctor that diagnoses, treats and prevents illness, disease, injury and other physical and mental impairments in humans, using specialized testing, diagnostic, medical, surgical, physical and psychiatric techniques through application of the principles and procedures of modern medicine. They specialize in certain disease categories, types of patient or methods of treatment and may conduct medical education and research in their chosen areas of specialization.

*This definition was imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (see <https://bciovocab.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.*

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*Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.*

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