



# STEM Careers

## Sports Medicine Physician

**Job Description:** Diagnose, treat, and help prevent injuries that occur during sporting events, athletic training, and physical activities

### What does a Sports Medicine Physician do?

- Record athletes' medical histories, medical care information, and perform physical examinations
- Examine and evaluate athletes to determine physical fitness or predisposition to injuries
- Coordinate sports care activities with other experts including specialty physicians and surgeons, athletic trainers, physical therapists, or coaches
- Prescribe medications for the treatment of athletic-related injuries
- Inform athletes about nutrition, hydration, dietary supplements, or uses and possible side-effects of medications
- Conduct research in the prevention or treatment of injuries or medical conditions related to sports and exercise
- Refer athletes for specialized consultation, physical therapy, or diagnostic testing
- Examine, evaluate, and treat athletes who have been injured or who have medical problems such as exercise-induced asthma

### Your Interests:

- Do you like sports?
- Do you like taking care of others?
- Do you like to work with people?
- Do you enjoy teaching others how to be healthy?

### Outlook: **Bright**

Average Salary - \$100+ hourly, \$208,000+ annually  
Projected Job Openings - 13,400 in the next 10 years

### Education/Program of Study:

- This profession requires extensive training and schooling, including an M.D., medical schooling, residency, and additional training specialized in sports medicine.

Source:

<https://bestaccreditedcolleges.org/articles/sports-medicine-physician-education-and-training-requirements.html>

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