Physicians appear to be a pretty contented lot. A survey of 1,527 from around the country found 72 percent of them reported being satisfied with their career in 2014. That’s up from 58 percent who said they were satisfied or somewhat satisfied in 2013. The survey, which was conducted by staffing firm Jackson Healthcare and took place between April 18 and June 25, 2014, also found only 9 percent were very dissatisfied with their work.

**9 SIGNS of a SATISFIED PHYSICIAN**

Physicians who were satisfied were likely to:

1. Encourage a young person to pursue medicine as a career
2. See the same number of patients in a day as they did last year
3. Say patients are more knowledgeable about their health than a year ago
4. Be between 25 and 45 years of age or older than 65
5. Have their income increase or remain the same as last year
6. See nurse practitioners and physician assistants taking on more duties as a positive trend
7. Be employed and have never worked in private practice
8. Say their practice is more focused on preventive care and population health than a year ago
9. Work eight hours a day