

Does doctors' personality differ from those of patients, the highly educated and other caring professions? An observational study using two nationally representative Australian surveys

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Compared to patients and the general public,
doctors are...



Agreeable



Neurotic



Less Open



Conscientious



Extroverted



Patients

Awareness about differences in personality traits can improve doctor–patient communication and allow patients to **understand and comply** with treatment recommendations.



Doctors

By taking into account personality differences, doctors can better **calibrate their judgements** of patients and gain insight into factors that influence their patient interactions.