What is a Scribe?

Scribes are individuals trained in medical documentation who assist a physician throughout his or her shift. They serve as a personal assistant to the doctor to help make them more efficient and productive. At Elite Medical Scribes, we recruit and train University students (or recent graduates) who have an interest in pursuing a career in medicine.

The primary function of a scribe is the creation and maintenance of the patient's medical record, which is done under the supervision of the attending physician. The scribe will document the patient’s story, the physician’s interaction with the patient, the procedures performed, the results of laboratory studies, and other pertinent information. This is accomplished by using a WOW (workstation on wheels) that the scribe takes with him or her throughout the shift.

Additional functions of a scribe may include assisting with the patient's disposition, documenting consultations, and notifying the physician when important studies are completed.

Benefits for Scribes

- Step ahead of other medical school applicants
- Gain in-depth exposure to clinical medicine
- Be a valued member involved with patient care
- Perform better in class
- Build personal relationships with physicians and other medical professionals
- Learn the language of medicine

Scribe Testimonials

"Working as a scribe, I have been awarded the opportunity to better understand physician and patient interactions, medical terminology, and the skills necessary to be a physician. I am constantly confronted with challenges, and I cannot think of another opportunity in which an individual who is not in medical school or practicing medicine would be able to gain as much knowledge, experience, and interaction in the medical field as scribe does."

Susan Chhen
Scribe Trainer

"Being a scribe is the closest you can get to medicine as a premedical student. The intimate knowledge you gain of different diagnostic tests and diagnoses gives you a marked head start on other medical students. An added bonus is the interpersonal relationships and connections you forge in a medical setting that will benefit you throughout your professional career."

Bryan Gray, Chief Scribe
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