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How Satisfied Are You With Your Career in Podiatry?

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he last two years have been unbelievably difficult for all healthcare providers. According to an AMA survey of PCPs in 2020, revenues on average were 32% lower than pre-pandemic. In addition, we have experienced the "Great Resignation" with millions of unhappy workers quitting their jobs. Against this backdrop, *PM News* recently polled its readers on their career satisfaction.

We were pleasantly surprised that the level of career satisfaction was actually significantly higher than when the same question was posed



in 2013. Yes, podiatry faces many challenges in the ever-changing health-care arena. Yes, about 15% of podiatrists are either not satisfied or very dissatisfied with their careers. But similar numbers exist in other medical specialties, as well as in a multitude of occupations.

How satisfied are you with your career in podiatry? [There are 1125 responses]	
Very satisfied	39.82%
Somewhat satifi	ed 24.00%
Not satisfied	23.29%
Very dissatisfied	12.89%

How satisfied are you w [There are 907	Action to the second se
very satisfied	51.71%
somewhat satisfie	ed 33.08%
not satisfied	9.59%
very dissatisfied	5.62%

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Throughout its 40-year history, *PM* has consistently remained optimistic about podiatry's future. We prefer to consider the glass "half-filled" (as we suspect the vast majority of our readers do). To the small minority who are very dissatisfied, we suggest that you look for a job that you find more satisfying. Life is too short to not be doing what you enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,

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