Level 2: Notes

- 1 in 3 US doctors is going to retire
- Doctors will have to treat 71 million baby boomers
- How will the new generation of doctors view the practice of medicine?
- More & more women are studying to become doctors
- Recent survey of US physicians under age 50, conducted by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association gives clues
- Young doctors of both genders view "quality of life" as essential, willing to risk career advancement to get it
- 71% of those polled identify family & personal time as a very important factor in a desirable practice
- 2 out of 3 young physicians say they are not interested in working longer hours for more money
- 13% of doctors under 50 currently work part time
- An additional 32% would prefer part-time hours
- Job sharing, part-time work, & flexible schedules must become more commonplace for doctors in near future
- Information technology, particularly electronic medical records & emails between physicians and patients, to be expanded to maintain continuity of care
- Medical education will need to focus on interdisciplinary training with nurses, pharmacists, and other health professions, + a more team-based approach to patient care
- This generation of physicians shows that a work-life balance is possible for doctors. Excellent opportunity for constructive change in how medicine is practised

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