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Calm on the Job

Emergency room doctor Mark Turner works in Durham, North Carolina. A reporter is asking Mark questions about how he does his job.

Reporter: How long have you been a doctor?

Turner: Eight years.

Reporter: How did you get started?

Turner: I went to medical school for four years. Then, I practiced with another, more experienced doctor named Clarissa Parker. Clarissa taught me how to see patients and how to understand their problems. She also taught me how to give people shots!

Reporter: How do you stay calm on the job?

Turner: I use my training. I think back to the time I spent learning with Clarissa. I remember how calm she was, even when things got chaotic. With so much going on at once, you never know what will happen next in the emergency room.

Reporter: Are there any new tools that doctors use?

Turner: We use a stethoscope that allows us to listen to a person's heartbeat. We also use special thread to close deep cuts. The thread disappears after two weeks. This means we do not have to remove the thread after the cut has healed. It is already gone!

Reporter: Do you heal pets and other animals?

Turner: No, I do not. A veterinarian is a doctor that heals animals. I only heal people.

Reporter: Do you ever get nervous?

Turner: There is no time to be nervous. I have to think about what I have to do to help my patients. If they are in pain, I want to make them feel better as soon as possible.

Reporter: What do you like best about being a doctor?

Turner: Helping people!

