We’re always striving for better health, and the people who hold some of the jobs on our 2016 Best Health Care Jobs list can help you breathe, eat, walk, speak, hear, move and see better. They can also help patients prevent disease, illness and injury, as well as diagnose, fight and treat illness. Many of the highest-paying jobs are among the Best Health Care Jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment growth in this sector will be much quicker than the average for all jobs by 2024. Read more on how we rank the best jobs.

**Orthodontist**

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**4.1 out of 5**

Picture-perfect teeth often start with an orthodontist. Orthodontists focus primarily on the teeth and jaw, including realignment and preserving normal function and appearance. By 2024, the BLS predicts the job will grow by 18 percent.

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**Dentist**

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**4.0 out of 5**

From filling cavities to whitening teeth, dentists primarily examine and treat issues involving the mouth, gums and teeth. The BLS predicts 23,300 job openings from 2014 to 2024, which is an increase of 18 percent.

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**Nurse Anesthetist**

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**3.9 out of 5**

As a type of advanced practice registered nurse, nurse anesthetists work with patients regarding anesthetic treatment before, during and after surgery, as well as with therapy or other medical procedures that use anesthesia. The BLS predicts that the profession will grow 19 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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**Physician Assistant**

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**3.9 out of 5**

Physician assistants work under doctors to care for the sick or injured by interpreting tests and conducting exams. With heightened demand for health care,
growth in this field will continue at a high rate of 30 percent by 2024, which equates to 28,700 new jobs.

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**Nurse Practitioner**

Nurse practitioners perform a lot of the same duties as physicians; they perform physical exams, order lab tests and analyze results, prescribe medicines and authorize treatments. These professionals usually have a specialty, such as adult and geriatric health, pediatric health or mental health. The BLS expects high job growth – a 35 percent increase or 44,700 new jobs – in this field between 2014 and 2024.

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**Psychiatrist**

Performing evaluations far beyond the “How does that make you feel?” question asked in movies, psychiatrists are primary mental health physicians who diagnose and treat mental illnesses. Psychiatrists’ methods include personal counseling, hospitalization and medication. According to the BLS, the profession is expected to grow 15 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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**Pediatrician**

The doctors who sent you on your way with a lollipop and sticker when you were younger were likely pediatricians, doctors who diagnose and treat medical issues specific to infants, children, teenagers and young adults. Pediatrician responsibilities typically include treating common illnesses, minor injuries and infectious diseases, as well as administering vaccinations. The field is expected to grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, according to the BLS.

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**Anesthesiologist**

If you've been on an operating table, you can likely thank your anesthesiologist for managing your pain and monitoring your vital signs. These health care professionals administer drugs before, during and after surgery, as well as in the intensive care unit, during childbirth and for chronic pain patients. The BLS predicts the field will grow by 21 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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**Obstetrician and Gynecologist**

Whether you’re going in for a routine checkup or delivering your first child, obstetricians and gynecologists can provide a variety of care related to childbirth and female reproductive health. From 2014 to 2024, the field is expected to grow by 18 percent, the BLS reports.

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

From repairing cleft lips and palates to taking care of impacted teeth, oral and maxillofacial surgeons operate specifically on the mouth, jaws, teeth, gums, neck and head. According to the BLS, the profession is projected to grow 18 percent by 2024.

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