The health care support field is predicted to be one of the fastest-growing job segments in the next decade, according to the BLS, with a 23 percent increase, or about 974,000 new jobs. There will be plenty of opportunities for those interested in a career in health care support, with jobs such as MRI technologist, hearing aid specialist, dental hygienist and occupational therapy assistant. These professionals often work under the supervision of a physician, for example, but their training is typically just as extensive. If you want to be a part of this fast-growing job sector, check out our full list of the Best Health Care Support Jobs below, then see how we rank the Best Jobs of 2016.

**Occupational Therapy Aide**

(3.3 out of 5)

Occupational therapy aides provide essential support for occupational therapists, who use treatments to help ill, hurt or disabled people perform everyday activities. Occupational therapy aide responsibilities include prepping and cleaning treatment areas and equipment, transporting patients, helping patients with billing and insurance documents and scheduling appointments. The BLS predicts that the job will grow 31 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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**Ophthalmic Medical Technician**

(3.3 out of 5)

Ophthalmic medical technicians often train on the job to perform the first part of a patient’s eye examination. The BLS predicts employment to grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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**Cardiovascular Technologist**

(3.3 out of 5)

When a patient shows symptoms like chest pain or irregular heartbeats, cardiovascular technologists take X-ray images in order to show what is happening in the patient’s blood vessels, arteries and heart. Physicians then diagnose and treat the issue. The BLS anticipates employment for cardiovascular technologists to grow about 22 percent from 2014 to 2024.

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Clinical Laboratory Technician

While you may not meet a clinical laboratory technician at the hospital or doctor’s office, these medical professionals play a major role in your medical care. Physicians use the results of the tests and the analysis that clinical laboratory technicians conduct to diagnose patients. Job openings, according to the BLS, are expected to total 29,000 from 2014 to 2024.

Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Nuclear medicine technologists work with radioactive drugs and scanners that let surgeons and physicians see any irregularities in our organs or tissue, such as tumors. Doctors and surgeons can then diagnose or determine the progression of cancer, heart disease and other diseases and illnesses. These professionals are becoming more important among the aging population in the country, which is steadily growing. According to the BLS, 300 new jobs will open in the field between 2014 and 2024, which is an increase of 2 percent.

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse

Basic medical care is essential, and licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses provide this care under the guidance of registered nurses and doctors. Duties include monitoring patients’ health, offering basic patient care and comfort, discussing the care provided with patients and reporting patients’ health status and concerns to the appropriate nurses and doctors. The BLS predicts a 16 percent growth in employment by 2024.

Dental Assistant

As more Americans gain access to health care and are able to regularly see dentists, the demand for dental assistants will continue growing. The BLS predicts 58,600 new job openings from 2014 to 2024. Dental assistants prepare patients for treatments and teeth cleanings, sterilize instruments and assist dentists during procedures.

Home Health Aide

Home health aides are trained to assist individuals with diabetes, chronic illness or cognitive impairment with the daily activities many people take for granted. The demand for home health aides is high, with the BLS forecasting a 38 percent increase in employment from 2014 to 2024, which equates to more than 348,000 new jobs.
Phlebotomist

Phlebotomists work in labs, doctors’ offices and blood donor centers where they draw blood, ensuring it’s done properly. The BLS predicts 25 percent job growth in this field, with 28,100 new jobs opening up by 2024.

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Medical Assistant

During most medical exams, a physician or specialist isn’t the only person you’ll see. A medical assistant measures your vital signs, administers injections or medications and schedules appointments. These professionals also prepare blood samples for lab tests, record your patient history and enter your information in your medical records. Medical assistants will see a 23 percent increase in new jobs between 2014 and 2024, according to the BLS, which is much higher than the average for all jobs, and translates to 138,900 new positions.

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