

Private Practice After The Retiring Age Of 65!

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India is one of the few countries where doctors go on practicing till the age of 80 or 90 or till they die. I am still practicing at the age of 87. Is it fair for the population to be treated by elderly cronies where abroad they stop practising by the age of 65 or 70.

In my opinion it is beneficial for the population. A doctor's diagnosis and prescription improves as his experience improves. Another terminology used is

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"Wisdom". Like in all professions, by the time you have become 80 years old, your experience has increased by 15 to 20 years, than those who have retired and stopped practising!!

Yes - If the doctors develop loss of memory or dementia, then that should be the end. Physical handicaps like limping or paralysis should not be against practising. Finally, earning at this age is like pension which in general private practice is not possible. Also earning at this age when there are no expenses of children's education etc. is enjoyable.