

Re: Do Dentists make more money than Doctors in USA?

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George wrote:

daveywavey1000@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

In Australia, Dentists make substantially more than doctors if we compare apples with apples. EG, a dentist will earn more than a General Practitioner (I believe called a "family physician" in the USA). Similarly, a dental specialist such an orthodontist will earn more than most medial specialists.

I think since dentists are surgeons, to compare apples with apples, you have to compare them to surgeons and not physicians. A good analogy is probably general surgeons (in some countries they have all but vanished and replaced with GI surgeons).

Regards,
George

Perhaps what they are doing is in a sense equivalent to surgery. However, general dentists have only had a fraction of the training that a medical surgeon has. In Australia, to become a surgeon takes about 10 years post medical school.

On a side note, in Australia, maxillofacial surgeons have both dental and medical degrees.

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