Doctor. A qualified practitioner of medicine; a physician.

Advocate. A person who supports a particular cause.

Physician Advocate. A health professional that advances the health and well-being of individual patients, communities and populations. Is this you?

Physicians are busy people who, for the most part, are in the role of providing direct patient care, rather than advocating for systemic societal change. It is fair to question how many physicians in their lifetime will fulfill the American Medical Association's Declaration of Professional Responsibility by actually advocating for "social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to human well-being." My theory is that we will see physicians one of two ways when it comes to advocacy. They will either advocate for the individual interests of a specific patient. Or, they will TO1r1(will)-2-277.2(we)376.5(R)781r5pappa physician.

