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Doc Talk

Get to know your peers in Doc Talk, *CME's* new interview department! Join us every month as we talk to physicians across Canada about their careers, their lives and... their quirks.

Based in:
Nelson,
British Columbia

Special interests:

- Chronic pain
- Addictions
- Palliative care

Interesting facts:

- My most recent claim to fame is playing a cross-dressing Bond-Girl at a hospital fundraiser

Stay Tuned...

Join us next month as we *Doc Talk* to **Dr. Roshea Dheda** who is a part of the Medical Staff at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ontario.

1. Do you have a life philosophy?

Work part-time, play part-time.

2. Who would you get to play you in a movie about your life?

Brad Pitt's voice from *Snatch* in the body of Zach Braff from *Scrubs*. A genetic hybrid implanted into a sheep embryo is in the works.

3. What song would you choose as your personal theme song?

Spinal Meningitis (Got Me Down) off of Ween's 1994 album *Chocolate and Cheese*.

4. What is the least enjoyable job you have ever had?

My least favourite food in the world is cheese and yet one of my first jobs was in a cheese shop. I'll never forget the horror of having to cut blocks of Stilton cheese. I finally got fired when a customer asked me how a cheese tasted and the owner overheard my response: "I don't know, but it sure smells like s***!"

5. So far, what is your most memorable experience as a doctor?

Before medical school, I worked in a hospital in Tororo, Uganda. One day, I was left alone in the labour and delivery room and I delivered a very pale-skinned baby from a grand multiparous local woman. For the rest of my time there, the nurses joked that I was the father (I swear, I was in Montreal nine months previously).

6. Do you prefer to sing in the shower or in the car?

Well, I don't drive, but I do sing on my bike. It helps me get up the steep hills in Nelson. I also shout obscenities at people who cut me off, but that isn't in tune, so I guess it doesn't count.

7. If you could have 15 minutes of fame, what would you be famous for?

I would like to beat my wife Alice's record for the most marshmallows in her mouth at the same time. Either that or I would be famous for the biggest beard made of bees.

8. Vacations: under the stars or in a five-star hotel?

Definitely under the stars. I want to be as high up a mountain and as far away from civilization as possible.

9. What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

You only lose if you give up trying.

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