

~~Q. 8.~~ What are the qualities of a good physician.

Ans: — The first and the foremost quality of a good physician is the utmost interest in acquiring the capacity by which the physician can ably relieve his patients of

Their disorders or ailments. He should again be proficient in the science of administering quite correctly and effectively the medicine and also be able to diagnose properly the root of the ailments. He should have exhaustive knowledge on the emergence of Ayurveda and also on its object, scope and applicability. He should have again exhaustive knowledge on the effects of drugs, the categories of drugs, and their proper administration. The success attained finally by the physician in curing perfectly a patient indicates the qualities of the best physicians. A physician to be adjudged the good must have primarily the following quadruple of qualities: Excellence in theoretical knowledge; extensive

Practical experience, dexterity (दक्षता) and clearness. The physician who possesses the proper knowledge of the ~~lower~~ aspects — cause, symptoms, cure and prevention, is the best one (IX, 19) हेतु निश्चय इति etc.