<u>Personas</u>

Radiologist Steven Richards



Steven Richards is a 42 year old radiologist. He was born in America, but later moved to Canada when his parents were offered jobs in the Greater Toronto Area. His mother was a nurse who worked in Toronto, while his father taught at an elementary school just steps away from their home in Scarborough.

Steven and his parents moved to Canada when he was eight. Despite Steven's strong objections, he ended up attending the school where his father was teaching. He insists that these were some of the most stressful years of his academic career – which is saying a lot, considering his academic career lasted for nearly 30 years. Steven's father would keep a watchful eye on his son during his years in elementary school. Although this meant no fun and plenty of embarrassment at Steven's expense, it also primed him to develop a good worth ethic that got him through high school, medical school, straight through to his certification as a radiologist. Despite Steven's continual objections, he wound up working at the same hospital as his mother up until her retirement. Presently, both of Steven's parents are retired, while Steven continues working at the hospital.

As a radiologist, Steven uses imaging technology to examine and diagnose his patients. Although his expertise lies within the realm of medical diagnostic technologies, Steven is open to learning about emerging technologies in all disciplines, not just his own. Still, he is most interested to see if and how these technologies can be applied to the medical field. Steven is particularly interested in the advances in digital technology, namely those related to electronically transmitting medical images so that he can work from home, or diagnose patients from around the world without having to travel.

Steven isn't particularly fond of traveling or commuting since he has a severe case of motion sickness. As such, He lives at Rosedale, an affluent neighborhood north of Downtown Toronto, not too far from the hospital he works at. He lives there with his wife. They have been married for two years now, but have yet to have children, mainly due to their busy schedules. Even so, the two always manage to set aside a few hours of their day for one another. He is not only a skilled and dedicated radiologist, but also a caring and considerate individual.