

Healthcare Leadership

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Alexander Donath, MD

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*If you could interview any
healthcare professional,
who would it be and why?*

My grandfather, Ferdinand Donath, was a cardiologist who grew up, trained and spent the earlier part of his practice life in Vienna, Austria. At the time, Vienna was considered by some to be the mecca of medicine and he was able to meet and consult with Sigmund Freud on a patient, with resultant resolution of the patient's conversion disorder. He then had to make the difficult decision to uproot his family and emigrate to America in 1938 when the Anschluss occurred – the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany – thus escaping what would be the demise of many of his relatives. The Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati and University Hospital welcomed him and for that I am eternally grateful. It would be fascinating for me to hear about these experiences directly from my grandfather, who passed away before I was born.