

# 10 Reasons Why

People Love Working in Medical Device Manufacturing



The medical device industry is booming thanks to an aging population, increased healthcare spending, and advancements in medical technology (medtech). This is great news for job seekers looking for interesting work, job security, and career growth.

Working in the medtech manufacturing field is not just another job; it's a career – one that can keep you well employed for a lifetime. Now that you know it's a smart career choice, you're probably wondering what it's like to work in medical device manufacturing. Here is what employees have to say about it:

## Clean, safe, high-tech environments

**1** Medtech manufacturing is sophisticated and computerized. Employees in medtech are trained to work with advanced tech equipment, sometimes including robots. The work is clean, safe, and not strenuous. Some work takes place in special cleanrooms.

## Great pay and benefits

**2** Manufacturing medical devices is high-skill work and paychecks reflect this. There can be opportunities for overtime, allowing people to make some extra money on top of their steady income. Some entry-level machinists can make more than their friends

with college degrees, and after developing their skills and gaining experience their paychecks can consistently outpace those in many other industries. Combined with good benefits such as health insurance and 401K with company contribution, these jobs are highly desirable.

## Opportunities to grow

**3** Most companies prefer to promote from within, so there's always room to advance your career. For example, let's assume Jim gets an entry-level manufacturing job operating a machine. As he gets more experience, he learns how to set up machines for new procedures. He's so adept he's asked to train new operators. Because the machines are so sophisticated, they also need to be programmed – so Jim takes classes at a community college, acquiring another skill that helps him work his way up to supervisory and leadership roles.

## Recession resistant

**4** People are always going to need healthcare, no matter what's happening in the economy. It's reassuring to work in an industry that doesn't suffer during the inevitable downturns in the economy.



## Contributions to human life

**8** It's a great feeling when you're helping create products that improve people's lives – and even save them. Imagine being part of the team making implants for scoliosis of the spine, needles for administering pain medicine, or instruments for taking breast cancer biopsies. Friends and family will be impressed to hear about the amazing things you help create.

## Always interesting

**5** Think factory work is boring and repetitive? Think again! Every day can be different from the next as you learn how to operate various machines, acquire new skills, and take on more responsibility. The technology used in medtech is cutting-edge, so you're learning new and exciting things all the time.

## Keeps you active

**6** Lots of people will tell you they don't want to sit behind a desk all day. They want to use their hands as well as their minds. In a medtech manufacturing environment, you rarely need to sit still for a long time. It's not physically strenuous, but it allows you to keep moving.

## No degree? No problem

**7** Manufacturing provides strong job opportunities and growth for people who don't have college degrees. Whether you're looking for your first job or contemplating a career change it's an excellent way to earn a healthy paycheck with full benefits. If you're a positive, responsible, hard worker with a mechanical aptitude many employers will be happy to train you. Manufacturing companies tend to invest in people with paid internships, educational reimbursement, and apprentice programs.

## Satisfying

**9** Perhaps it's human nature, but there's something satisfying about taking raw materials and building a finished product. Like turning wood into a chair or yarn into a sweater, making medical devices can feel very rewarding.

## Great locations

**10** Who wants to fight traffic driving into a city for work every day? There are many medtech manufacturing companies in great locations where the commutes are easy, the cost of living is reasonable, and the quality of life is excellent.

