

MEDICAL SCHOOL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

What are the most interesting or difficult questions asked in a med school interview?
excerpted from <http://interviewfeedback.com>

Recently interviewed students completed an on-line questionnaire documenting the most interesting or difficult questions asked of them in a med school interview. The CDC surveyed the website and found these for you...

Harvard Medical School

- ❖ What about Harvard Medical School scares you most?
- ❖ Why didn't you go into social work if you like working with people?
- ❖ Do you think that there should be mandatory HIV testing for couples wanting to get married?
- ❖ Would you prefer to provide less effective medicine to more people or more effective medicine to fewer people?
- ❖ Who is your hero and why?
- ❖ How can you tell if someone is truly compassionate?

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

- ❖ Why study medicine when you have so many talents?
- ❖ If someone 15 years from now were to write a book about you, what would you want to have included in that book?
- ❖ If you had a magic pen, what would you do to remedy health care in America?
- ❖ How can we minimize health care costs when people are willing to pay more to be healthier?
- ❖ Regardless of your grade, what course would you recommend that all students take?
- ❖ What are you passionate about?
- ❖ What would you do if you got in everywhere, and what would you do if you got in nowhere?
- ❖ What is the one thing that distinguishes you from the rest of the candidates?

Duke University School of Medicine

- ❖ What did you think about the disadvantages and advantages of managed health care? Who do you think is responsible for the rationing of health care?
- ❖ If I'm to talk to the Admissions Committee tomorrow, why should I tell them to let you in?
- ❖ Which of your accomplishments on your AMCAS application do you consider your biggest success? Your biggest failure?
- ❖ How would your best friend describe you?

Stanford University

- ❖ What are some of the things that you will have to give up as a doctor?
- ❖ Would you share your religious beliefs with your patients?
- ❖ How do you help people who don't want to be helped?
- ❖ In what field do you think the next major advancement in medicine will come?

SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse

- ❖ What do you think of the priority system for organ recipients? – and also the priority system for allocating funds for medicine?
- ❖ What negative experiences from your different jobs made it clear to you that you wanted to pursue medicine?

University at Buffalo

- ❖ What would you do if you caught your roommate cheating on his AMCAS application?
- ❖ What is the biggest problem facing medicine?
- ❖ Why are some doctors unhappy practicing medicine?
- ❖ What is the most important development in the world over the past 25 years?
- ❖ What's your "cause"?

A few words of sound advice . . .

- ❖ Nothing will prepare you better for an interview than a solid understanding of your application – in other words, read it again!
- ❖ Know your motivations to enter the profession
- ❖ Honesty is the best policy – mean what you say, and say what you mean
- ❖ Practice your interview techniques with a mock interview in the Career Development Center