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