

Sample Interview Questions

About Yourself

- ❖ Why do you want to be a doctor? Describe yourself for me.
- ❖ What will you do if you don't get into med school?
- ❖ Were your college courses challenging?
- ❖ Tell me about your community service experiences.
- ❖ Do you feel your grades reflect your ability? Your MCAT's?
- ❖ What do you do for fun?
- ❖ What's your worst quality, what's your best?
- ❖ How did you get interested in medicine?
- ❖ What alternative careers have you investigated?
- ❖ Is there anything weak in your record? Why?
- ❖ What has been the most difficult challenge in your life?
- ❖ How do you plan to combine the responsibilities of a family and a medical career?
- ❖ What were your favorite courses? Least favorite?
- ❖ Tell me about your most influential professor.

Ethics

- ❖ If you had a choice between one liver transplant or a thousand vaccinations which would you choose and why?
- ❖ If you could find a cure for AIDS or for cancer, which would you choose and why?
- ❖ What do you think about condoms being distributed in high schools?
- ❖ Should people have the right to sell their own organs?
- ❖ Do you think it's ethical to take the life of a fetus for a cell line to save the life of a sibling with cancer?
- ❖ You have to amputate one of the legs of an eight-year-old child. How would you tell them?
- ❖ Would you give a transfusion to a child whose parents were Jehovah's Witnesses?
- ❖ What are your views on euthanasia?
- ❖ What do you think about euthenics (not euthanasia)?
- ❖ How do you feel about animal research?
- ❖ Should we spend so much time and effort trying to keep premature infants alive?

About Healthcare

- ❖ What do you think is the primary reason people don't get into med school?
- ❖ What one characteristic must a doctor possess?
- ❖ If you were called to congress to come up with the perfect healthcare system what exactly would it be?
- ❖ Do you actually know what a doctor's day is like?
- ❖ Why would someone from Canada come to the U.S. to receive healthcare and why would somebody from the U.S. go to Canada for health care?
- ❖ What have you recently read in the media about medical issues?
- ❖ What is the greatest problem facing medicine today?
- ❖ What would you do about the alcoholism problem in this country?
- ❖ Is health care a right or a privilege?
- ❖ How would you organize health care in a perfect world?
- ❖ What do you think should be done with patients who can't pay for treatment?
- ❖ As a physician, would you perform abortions? Under what conditions?
- ❖ What should a physician's role be in the politics of abortion?
- ❖ What is the difference between Medicare and Medicaid?
- ❖ What is the biggest problem family practitioners face?
- ❖ What do you consider the most important thing medicine has done for humanity?