Mock Interview - Med School Questions

**Typical Interview Questions:**

* Tell me about yourself
* Why do you want to pursue medicine?
* ·         *Give evidence that you relate well with others.*
* ·         *Are you a leader or a follower?  Why?*
* ·         *Give an example of a leadership role you have assumed.*

**Questions Related to Academics:**

* *Why did you choose your present course of studies?*
* What is your favorite subject in your present course of studies? Why?
* ·         If you could do anything different in your education, what would you do?
* ·         How will you pay for medical school?
* ·         Can you convince me that you can cope with the workload in medical school?
* ·         How do you study/prepare for exams?
* ·         Do you engage in self-directed learning?

**Personality-Oriented Questions:**

* *If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?*
* [How would your friends describe you?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=9)
* What are your hobbies?  What do you do with your spare time?
* What is the most important event that has occurred to you in the last five years?
* If you had three wishes, what would they be?
* What would you do on a perfect day?
* What are your best attributes?
* What is your greatest fault?
* What part of your CV are you most proud of?

**Questions Related to Stress:**

* *How do you handle stress?*
* What was the most stressful event in your life? How did you handle it?
* The night before your final exam, your parent has a heart attack and has to be admitted to a hospital, what do you do?

**Questions Related to Interest in and Exposure to Medicine:**

* ·         Why would you be a good doctor?  What are your related strengths?
* ·         Why a physician? Why not nursing?
* ·         What do you feel are the most important qualities in being a good doctor?
* ·         *What exposure have you had to the medical profession?*
* ·         *Have you done any volunteer work?* (Discuss your clinical experiences.)
* ·         What do you think you will like most about medicine?
* ·         What do you think you will like least about medicine?
* ·         What do you think will be your greatest challenge in completing medical school or learning how to be a doctor?

**Medical Field Questions:**

* *What are the pros and cons to our health-care system?*
* If you had the power, what changes would you make to our health-care system?
* What is your opinion of HMOs and PPOs?
* Do doctors make too much money?
* Is it ethical for doctors to strike?
* What is the Hippocratic Oath?
* What is the difference between Medicare and Medicaid?
* Should fetal tissue be used to treat disease (i.e. Parkinson's)?
* If you were a doctor and an underage girl asked you for the Pill (or an abortion) and she did not want to tell her parents, what would you do?
* Should doctors be allowed to `pull the plug' on terminally ill patients?
* Should doctors offer blood transfusions to patients dying from a bleed who may not approve (i.e. Jehovah’s Witnesses?)
* ·         In your view, what is the most pressing problem facing medicine today?

**Questions on Problem Situations:**

* [A 68 year-old married woman has a newly discovered cancer. Her life expectancy is 6 months. How would you inform her?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=12)
* [A 34 year-old man presents with AIDS and tells you, as his physician, that he does not want to tell his wife. What would you do?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=11)
* [You are playing tennis with your best friend and the ball hits your friend in the eye. What do you do?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=13)
* [You are taking a final exam and notice there is a student cheating. What would you do?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=10)

**Miscellaneous Questions:**

* Rank intelligence, compassion, and integrity in the order of importance to you.
* *Should the federal government reinstate the death penalty? Explain.*
* What do you expect to be doing 10 years from now?
* How would you attract physicians to rural areas?
* Why do you want to attend our medical school?  How are you a match?
* What other medical schools have you applied to?
* Have you prepared for this interview?
* Have you been to other interviews?
* Have you been accepted anywhere?

**Concluding Questions:**

* [*What would you do if you were not accepted to a medical school?*](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=6)
* [How do you think you did in this interview?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=296)
* [Do you have any questions?](http://www.futuredoctor.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=5)