

# The Inside Scoop on Medical School Interviews

20 minutes discussion  
20 Minutes Q&A from students

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# Housekeeping and Introductions:

- We will send a recording out within 48 hours
  - Q&A section at the end
  - Please use the Upvote system
  - We will be using poll questions, get involved!
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- Welcome Minnie! :)

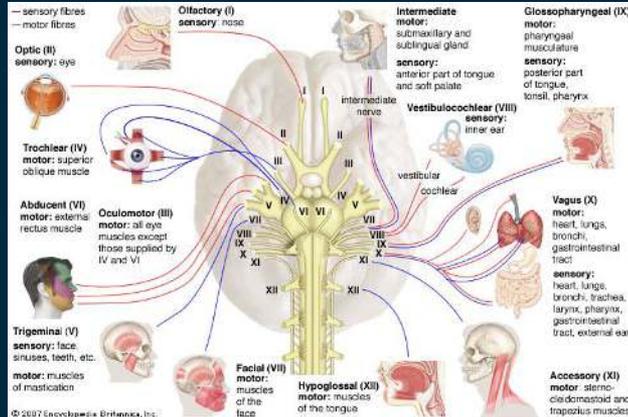
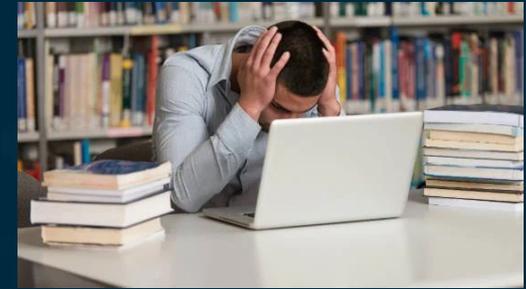
# 2 Types of Interview

- Multiple Mini Interviews
  - Small stations testing various skills
  - 5-10 minutes
  - Typical interview questions
  - Situational judgement
  - Scenarios with actors
- Panel/traditional interview
  - Question focused
  - Lasts around 30 minutes
  - Longer to answer questions



# What are they looking for?

- Good communicator
- Can work under pressure
- Commitment
- Resilience
- Knowledge of what the career involves
- Interest in the subject



# 'Why medicine?'

- Practise this question!
- Have a bullet point list of points you want to include.
- Utilise your personal statement
- You can link it to other things you're keen to mention such as work experience.
- Be honest: try coming up with an answer on your own before you try and look at any model answers.
- Know what the career involves
  - Training
  - Day to day
- Consider add-on questions, for example 'Why not nursing?'

# Hot topics

- Be aware of a few
- Make sure to be on top of the news leading up to interview day
- NHS during Covid19
  - Cancelling elective surgeries
  - Delayed diagnoses
  - PPE supply
  - Telephone consultations
  - What are the long term impacts of these?
- NHS and Brexit
  - UK and US trade deal
- Dr Bawa Garba
- Stafford Hospital scandal
- Alder Hey organ scandal

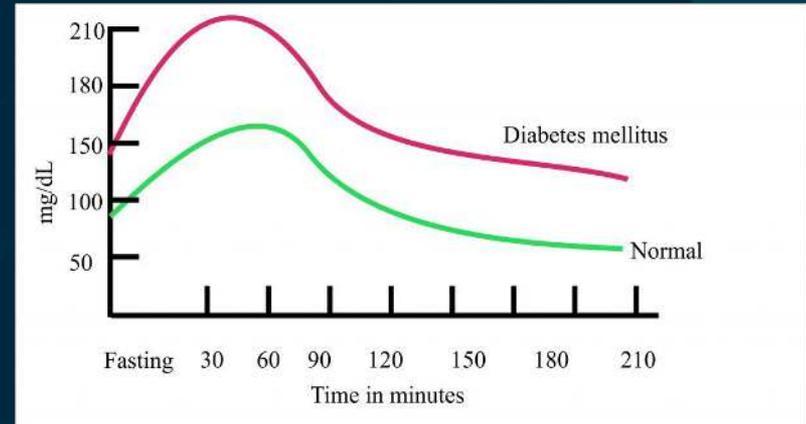


# Situational Judgement and Ethics

- E.g. You're working as a HCA in a nursing home. While tidying a resident's room, you knock a vase over. What do you do next?
- E.g. You have 8 patients waiting for a heart transplant, however you only have one donor heart available. Who do you give it to?
- Verbalise all your thoughts
- Be ready to justify your answer
- GMC Good Medical Practice
- Review UCAT SJT questions and explanations of answers
- 4 pillars of medical ethics

# Data interpretation

- Start with the basics: what is the data about?
  - Read the title!
  - What are the x and y axes?
  - What are the units of measurement?
  - What are they comparing?
- State the obvious
  - What can you see?
  - Is there a pattern?
- What do the data tell us?
  - Is one drug more effective than the other?
  - Does this variable cause disease?
  - What are the limitations of the data?
  - Are there other factors involved?



Oral glucose tolerance test

# Role Play

- The scenarios are made to be difficult: stay calm
- Communication is key
- Demonstrate empathy
  - Ask the actor questions
  - What do they think?
  - How are they feeling?
- Get stuck in!



# Top Tips

- Is your setup Zoom/Teams ready?
- Know about the course and the university
- Try filming yourself and watching it back
- Practise with anyone you can
- Read the news
  - BBC Health News
  - Medical Projects Articles
- You don't need to be an expert in medicine, just demonstrate your interest
- Know your personal statement
- Write down some key reflections from your work experience
- Enjoy it!

# Q&A Time:

1. Please use the Q&A function
2. If your question has been asked - Use the “upvote”

We will send these slides out and a recording will be available online within 48 hours.



# Thank you for watching :)

- We will send slides out within 48 hours
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## Next Webinar:

- Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Medical Student?
- Wednesday 25th November 2020 - 7pm

