

Medical School Interview: Interviewer's Perspective

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Goals

- Important element in the review process
- Dual purpose
 - sell yourself as a deserving candidate
 - sell ourselves as a deserving institution
- Express your genuine motivation
- Show your personal attributes
 - academic credentials
 - personality traits

My Preparation

- Dedicated time for the interview
- Reading of the application
 - access to whole application except secondary essay and reference letters
- Putting the candidate at ease
- Providing a tour of the facilities

Your Preparation

- Wear optimal attire
- Display a good level of confidence
- Show ease of communication
- Express your motivation for medicine
 - avoid cliché expressions
- Convince the interviewer about your potential in medicine
- Know about the institution and interviewer

Elements for Exploration

- Research experience
 - your specific role in research
- Clinical exposure
 - your depth of involvement
- Teaching experience
- Leadership activities
- Broad experiences
- Enhancement of diversity

My Concluding Assignments

- Write a detailed narrative
 - consistent with final evaluation
- Give recommendation with a score
 - 1.0 – 1.5 immediate admit
 - 1.6 – 2.4 high wait list
 - 2.5 – 3.9 low wait list
 - 4.0 – 5.0 reject

Conclusions

- Provide an honest appraisal
- Prepare for the interview
- Convince the interviewer regarding your fitness for a career in medicine
- Let the actions match your words
- Hope for the best