POTENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Open-ended/Personal

Who are you?
Why medical school?
How would a friend describe you?
How are you unique?
List three things you want me to know about you.
What are your strengths and weaknesses?
Why should we accept you?
Tell me about yourself.

Motivation/Sincerity

What other careers have you explored?
Do you feel that you have a realistic view of medical school?
Do you understand what the life of a doctor entails?
What will you do if you don't get into medical school?
Why do you want to attend this school?
Is this school your top choice?
Where else have you applied?
Would you consider a foreign medical school?
Where do you see yourself in 10/20/30 years from now?
What do you want to specialize in?
How do you plan to pay for medical school?
What do you hope to get out of medicine?
Do you have any concerns about this school?
Do you have any ideas about your residency?
Have you considered the advantages/disadvantages of living in this area?

Qualifications and Experience

What work experience have you had?
What health-care experience have you had?
Tell me about your research experience.
How have you prepared yourself for a career in medicine?
What clinical/hospital experience have you had?
How have you contributed to your community?
Tell me about a time you have helped someone.
What volunteer experience have you had?
What's your toughest subject?

Knowledge of the Medical Field
What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the field of medicine today?
Demonstrate your understanding of HMOs, PPOs, and third-party providers.
Are you aware of the upcoming surplus of doctors? How do you feel about it?
How do you feel about the debate over the hours residents are forced to work?
How would you advise patients who are interested in visiting an acupuncturist or chiropractor?
What do you think about medical advice being available on the Web?
Express your opinions on: genetic engineering; the future of technology in medicine; government health-care issues; the high cost of health care; doctor's salaries; hospice care; alternative medicine; the role of spirituality in healing…

**Personality and Background**

Tell me about a significant event in your life and how it shaped you.
Do you plan to have a family? If so, how will you balance your work and your family life?
Do you have a favorite book/class/teacher?
Who do you not get along with and why?
Which of your qualities would you want to pass down to your children?
What about yourself would you change if you could?
What three material objects are most important to you?
What people have influenced you and how?
Do you have any heroes?
How do you handle stress?
Give me an example of a time you contributed to a group effort.
Tell me about a cross-cultural experience you have had.
What do you do in your free time?
What are your hobbies?
What is your number one accomplishment?

**Ethics/Character**

Would you work in an AIDS clinic?
Would you prescribe birth control pills to a minor without parental consent?
Have you ever cheated or helped a friend cheat?
How will you deal with know-it-all patients?
Give your opinions on: Genetic engineering; Abortion; Euthanasia; Providing clean needles to addicts; Supplying condoms to schools; Animal research…