

Interviews for Medicine

General questions

Tell us about your A-levels.

Why did you choose to apply here?

What do you hope to do during your year out?

How firm are your plans?

Besides your course, how do you spend your time?

Tell us about any field courses you have been on.

Course/subject specific questions

- 1 Given all the adverse publicity about medicine and the state of the NHS, why should you, or anyone else, want to become a doctor?
- 2 How long have you known/thought you wanted to be a doctor? What has been the main source of your knowledge and understanding of what is involved?
- 3 What do you think about the way in which medicine is portrayed in TV series such as *Casualty* and *ER*?
- 4 What makes you think you might be a good doctor?
- 5 How do you think your friends would describe you? Do you think that your friends/teachers would trust you to be their doctor once you had trained?
- 6 What sort of role have you played in teamwork situations? [We don't expect everyone to be leaders!]
- 7 What sort of medicine do you think you might want to specialise in eventually?
- 8 You have been helping in an old peoples home/special school: tell us about one person/child whose medical condition/social circumstances really interested you.
- 9 What causes butterflies in the stomach? What gives *you* butterflies?
- 10 Talk us through the arguments for and against euthanasia/genetic counselling.

Questions you might ask

What is the choice of electives/inter-calated year subjects?

How far are theory and practice integrated?

What is your attitude to students having a year out before taking this course?

Items you might take along or be asked to take along

References or write ups from your work experience