MEDICAL SCHOOL INTERVIEW HANDOUT

Prioritize asking the questions in **bold.**

Questions	Strengths	Ways to Improve
Tell me about yourself.		
Why did you major in ___?		
If you could change one thing on your application, what would it be?		
Why do you want to go into medicine? Why do you want to be a doctor (not an RN or PhD)?		
Tell me what you think the negative aspects of being a physician are.		
Describe an interesting clinical experience.		
What, exactly, compels you to want to come to our medical school?		
Why should we admit you to the class of 20xx?		
What challenges do you expect to face in medical school?		
How many schools are you applying to? Which ones? Where does our school fit into your priority list?		
If you couldn't get into medical school, what would you do?		
What do you think of our curriculum? What are the positives/negatives for you?		
What is your opinion of the U.S. healthcare system today? How would you improve it?		

Where do you stand on stem-cell research (or other ethical issue)?		
How do your friends describe you?		
What do you do for fun?		
How do you experience stress? How do you reduce stress?		
Where do you envision yourself in ten years with regard to your profession?		
What do you want me to make sure the Admissions Committee knows about you?		
What questions do you have for me?		

DISCUSSION POINTS:

CONTENT
- Knowledge of Self: "Why should we admit you?"
- Knowledge of Industry: "Why do you want to work in this field?"
- Knowledge of School: "How will you fit in?"
- Ability to be articulate
- Ability to stay focused
- Demonstration of skills: Creativity, analytical skills, ability to work under pressure
- Transitions, Framing- Appropriate examples: Use of STAR method

DELIVERY
-Body Language: Eye Contact, Fidgeting, Gestures
- Voice: Pace, Volume, Clarity
- Filler Words
- Tone: Professional? Casual?
- Impressions: Anxious? Relaxed? Confident? Enthusiastic?
- Sincerity

NOTES:

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