

Sample interview questions

- Why do you want to come to our program?
- Tell me about yourself.
- Be prepared for this opening question: “So, what questions do you have for me?”
- Tell me your strengths and weaknesses.
- How would you handle a bad clinical outcome?
- Tell me a good joke.
- Why did you want to become a physician?
- Teach me something non-medical in 30 seconds.
- Tell me about your favorite non-medical book/movie.
- Tell me about a patient you had who was especially significant for you.
- Role playing with interviewer on ethical situations.
- Tell me about your research.
- What do you do in your spare time?
- Present an interesting case to me. It can be from any service.
- What causes you stress, and how do you deal with it?
- Where else have you applied? Where else have you interviewed? Where else have you liked?
- Which courses and clerkship did you like best/least? Why?
- Why do you want to come here? Why don't you want to stay in Tucson?
- How/when/why did you decide on this specialty?
- What is the worst part of this specialty?
- Tell me about a patient care mistake that you made, and what you learned from it.
- What would you do if you won millions in the lottery?

- What is your favorite sports team?
- What professional teams do you like to watch on TV?
- What was your Halloween costume last year? Or your favorite one?
- What do you do in your spare time indoors?
- What is your strongest point? Why should we take you over anyone else?
- You are chief resident. One of the junior residents is continually late. How will you remedy this?
- What bad things have you heard about our program?
- What are your intellectual pursuits outside of medicine?