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The Residency Interview: How To Make The Best Possible Impression



Synopsis

THE RESIDENCY INTERVIEW. These words make every applicant nervous. This MedEdits guide provides applicants with insight about the residency interview process as well as a general framework to dramatically improve their confidence on interview day. This book is based on Dr. Jessica Freedman's experience in residency admissions while on faculty at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City and her observations while privately advising residency applicants with MedEdits (www.MedEdits.com). Get practical advice on: How to prepare for your interview What to expect on interview day The different types of interviewers What information you must convey during your interview How to structure your answers and direct your interview What to wear, how to behave on tours, lunches, "night before" gatherings and many other topics Dr. Freedman is also the author of How To Be an All-Star Residency Match Applicant, published in November, 2013

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It's a well written book, at least in terms of organization, even if not in content. But after reading it and having been through interviews, I can say that you don't need to read a book for Residency interviews. Interviews are just plain, personal talk where the faculty wants to know you. This book actually makes it an academic exercise, which is actually kind of wrong and may hurt your chances. Just go through NIH webcast for some interview etiquette and tips. Talk to people (for IMG's: American people) and faculty, if possible. That's it. And on the day of interview, just pour your heart out. Tell a story about yourself. Don't list your academic achievements. Talk, with decency and

politeness, like you would talk to a friendly stranger in a park . This is what they want to hear, not framed answers like this book teaches you.

I spent a lot of time reading and asking about how to prepare to residency interview before I found this book. None of the sources was thorough, organized, simple and trustable as this book. This book covered the most important items in the interview as I believe, however interviews questions are uncountable and it is not the purpose of this book to make you memorize as much answers as you could. Rather the book orient you to the following items which was as very helpfull will try my best to write in objective way as possible. It has three parts. Part one covers 1- interview process: this part tells you how different programs select people for the interview. Pros - why you are selected - let you understand how to enhance your chances to be invited in interviews. 2- What are the different types of Interviews : very important to understand this part because you may need to provide your information differently with different types. My last interview few days ago I was informed by the program the types of interview, and because of this section I was familiarize to how it would be different and how I act accordingly. 3- what is the residency interviewer looking for? I got my agenda organized in this part, you will be able to understand yourself and the way you can express yourself so the committee knows who you are in a positive way. 5- making the most of your interview. Attitude aspects and how to answer properly still under your own agenda and not coping someone else answers. Part two covers 6- how should you prepare for interview day, what important aspects to take care of before, during and after the interview day. It covers how to plan your trip, how to act and behave to give the best impression, what is the interview about and what usually happen that day and how applicants are ranked. Part three Sample of interview and the most important and frequent question. And the purpose to make you understand what they are looking for in this question and how to answer it and again by your own aspects and not copying . It is not sound good when you answer a question and your answer last for a while and at the end of your talking you noticed from the interviewee gesture that was totally not what they are looking for in your answer. Overall I am so glad and I am more confident about my self after reading this book. Definately I will recommend this book.

This book really helped me understand the residency interview process from the point of view of the interviewer and the interviewee. It made me understand that if you use the interview properly your interviewer becomes your advocate during the match sessions. It is well worth the cost of the book to get a better handle on the importance of the residency interview.

This is an awesome book when you want to prepare for the interview. I tried to ask the same exact questions on my real interview and everyone was happy and surprised with my level of preparation. Will definitely recommend it for every one who got an interview. It gives you all the things that you need to know in one book.

I used Dr. Freedman's book to prepare for my residency interviews and I found it to be extremely useful. This book is to the point and doesn't waste your time. Interviews are most important part of your residency application process and this book will guide you on what you should and should not do during an interview. I used it to prepare for my 2014 Residency Application and I felt very comfortable during my interviews and as of yesterday, I matched. Dr. Freedman will guide on what questions to expect, ask and how to prepare for them. She has sample Q&A in the appendix with analysis and those were tremendous help. My advice, use them as guide and prepare your responses ahead of time (may be on word document) and review them before you go for your interview. Also, make sure that your responses are in line with your ERAS application and personal statement. Good luck everyone! Thank you Dr. Freedman!!

waste of money. Very common sense stuff. If you are not from the US may be good. But if you have lived here, have done couple of job interviews, went through med school, should pretty much know most of the stuff.

I've read all 3 of Dr. Freedman's books: This book, "The Medical School Interview", and the more expansive "The MedEdits Guide to Medical School Admissions". Both books regarding interviews use generic statements, such as "Make a good first impression," "Keep in mind that you're interviewee's attention span is short," and "Thank your interviewer." Though the books cover entirely separate interviews, the advice is generic enough to prove unhelpful in either situation.

I received this book 2 hours ago and I already read it. Pros: I strongly believe that after reading Dr. Freedman's book you will be better prepared to any situation you might find before, during and after the residency interview. Short and sweet, all relevant information. Cons: Overpriced for the amount of information.

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