

## Preparing Effectively for Medical School Interviews

The AAMC has provided [resources](#) to medical schools on conducting interviews during the coronavirus pandemic, though each school determines their own process. Please contact the medical school to discuss their policies and procedures for moving forward with interviews.

### Virtual Interviews - the information below was taken from the AAMC Applicant Preparation Guide:

Most interview questions fall into one of three categories:

- **Behavioral questions** ask you to describe previous experiences to demonstrate your level of knowledge and skills and the extent of your experiences. For example, “Describe a time when you observed a member of a medical team behave in a manner that was inconsistent with an established protocol. Explain the situation, the actions you took, and the outcome.”
- **General questions** are more open ended. For example, “Tell me why you are interested in this program.” Although the question is broad, it still requires a cogent, well-organized answer that speaks to your motivations and key experiences that have fueled your desire not just for a medical career, but the specific training or opportunities offered by a particular program.
- **Situational questions** ask you to demonstrate your level of knowledge and skill by describing what you should or would do in different hypothetical situations. For example, “Imagine you are with a peer and your supervisor compliments your handling of a particular situation. She gives you sole credit and fails to mention that your colleague played a major role. How would you respond?”

Here are some links to gain a better understanding of this process as a whole, including how students can effectively prepare for their medical school interviews.

- <https://careers.northeastern.edu/article/big-interview/> Practice answering different types of questions through this online video platform through Career Design.
- Consider attending Career Design’s *Interviewing with Confidence* [coaching group](#).
- <https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/mission-areas/medical-education/conducting-interviews-during-coronavirus-pandemic>
- [https://www.aamc.org/system/files/2020-03/AAMC%20Virtual%20Interview%20Tips\\_03.19.2020.pdf](https://www.aamc.org/system/files/2020-03/AAMC%20Virtual%20Interview%20Tips_03.19.2020.pdf)
- <https://www.aamc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-hub#services>
- <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/medical-school-interviews/>
- <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/what-its-participate-multiple-mini-interviews-mmis/>