

# How To Respond to an MMI

A Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) assesses your communication skills and ability to reason through complex situations. While formats vary by school, they typically consist of 6-10 stations where applicants receive several minutes to respond to each prompt.

Given the complexity of some prompts, having a structure for your response can assist in planning. Keep in mind that this may not apply to all prompts, and time allotments may vary.

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**Step 1**  
Clarify and  
Summarize the  
Prompt

Begin by overviewing your understanding of the scenario. State any assumptions you are making about the situation and recap the most important information. (<1 minute)

**Step 2**  
Identify the Key  
Issue

MMI scenarios are often complex. Identify what the core issue or tension in the situation is to help focus your response. Share who the key stakeholders are. (~1 minute)

**Step 3**  
Offer Multiple  
Perspectives

Due to the complexity of MMI scenarios, there may be multiple causes for the current issue or tension. Explore the different reasons this situation might be happening. (~2-3 minutes)

**Step 4**  
Evaluate Multiple  
Plans of Action

Discuss multiple possible solutions and briefly overview pros and cons of each. Use your evaluation to showcase the AAMC Premed Competencies. (~2 minutes)

**Step 5**  
State Which  
Actions You  
Would Take

Choose which course of action you would ultimately take and justify your choice. Be decisive, clear, and professional, and connect your choice to the AAMC Premed Competencies. (~1 minute)