

Sample Interview Questions for Applicants

Surgery:

1. Why do you want to be a surgeon?
2. How do you know you have what it takes to be a surgeon?
3. What do you like most about our program?
4. If for some reason you couldn't be a surgeon, what else would you do?
5. Describe your ideal practice after residency.

Family Medicine:

1. What about our program interested you?
2. What type of hospitals did you rotate at? Academic Centers, Community Hospitals, etc follow up: what were you responsible for... i.e. shadowing or seeing patients independently with oversight
3. What procedures were you exposed to? i.e. OB deliveries, suturing, gyn procedures, paracentesis, central lines, etc.
4. Who influenced you the most in regards to your specialty decision and why?
5. Describe your perfect residency?
6. What are your plans post residency?

Emergency Medicine:

1. Why are you going into Emergency Medicine?
2. What are you looking for in an EM Residency Program?
3. What are your future plans? Where do expect to be in 10 years from now?
4. Tell me about a mistake you made or a patient's care that did not go well – and tell me what you learned from the case?
5. How do you learn best?
6. What was the most challenging part of your training? Why?
7. Why EM?
8. What are your wellness habits?
9. What kind of program do you need to succeed?