

## Tricky Questions (As reported by students interviewing 2017-2018)

### Ethical dilemmas

Tell me of a situation in which you faced a ethical dilemma during a patient encounter. What did you do?  
I got asked some odd ethical questions at one interview about seeing an attending do something that could harm a patient, and what do you do

Residents often have their ethics challenged - tell me about a time that you had an ethical dilemma.

Describe an ethical dilemma you have faced?

### Behavioral & Communication

Tell me about a time when you disagreed with an attending and how did you confront him?

Tell me about a conflict you had and how you handled it - my answer of I tried to talk it out was met with confusion and the need for more clarity

Tell me about a time a situation did not go as expected?

Describe a difficult patient interaction and how you handled it

Describe a situation at work when you had a difficult time keeping a secret from colleagues?

Describe a time you failed at something

Describe a situation in which you failed and how you responded?

What is the most difficult decision you've had to make in the past year?

What will be the toughest part of residency for you?

Name something you've sacrificed to be in medicine.

what is going to be the hardest part about residency?

Describe the worst resident you've worked with

How would I handle the following patient scenario: a mother and her son sell all of their belongings and move to the US from Argentina because they heard I could cure her son's muscular dystrophy. I had to

### Personality (are you a good fit?)

Describe your spirit animal

At your retirement, what do you hope people will say about you?

If you were any cell in the body, what would you be?

Draw something that represents who you are

So, what makes you tick?

What makes you a winner?

If your best friend was here, how do you think they would describe you?

Everyone we are interviewing today is extremely qualified and is going to make a great resident. Why should we choose you?

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Favorite funny Youtube video

Had to pick a Pandora playlist to play during the interview

Pick a movie and describe the plot. Interviewer has to guess the movie!

**Personal**

Did you and your wife buy a house in tuscaloosa??

Asked if anything in Alabama "tied me down"

You have never lived outside of Alabama, are you actually going to come to X programs?

**Discipline specific**

Patient scenario of a kid with asthma exacerbation in the ER, what tests would I order, etc?

Describe your perfect anesthesia day?

How do you know that you are going to have the technical ability to be a great surgeon?

**Worldview/Cultural Competence**

If humans were wiped off the face of the earth- choose three movies to show them to depict what huma

What is the most important thing that needs to be fixed about healthcare?

What does 'social justice' mean to you?

Should Americans eat chicken?

**Be prepared**

"Do you have any questions" when it's your 6th interview of the day

What questions do you have at the beginning of an interview.

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