Graduate Entry into Medicine Mock Interview Questions

- Why do you want to be a doctor?
- Why did you not choose medicine when you left school?
- Why do you want to study medicine rather than nursing?
- Why do you want to study medicine at this medical school?
- Justify why the government should support you through a second degree.
- Do you think being a graduate is an advantage in studying medicine and if so why?
- What specialty are you currently interested in and why?
- What do you know about PBL? *(problem based learning – some courses are delivered in this way)*
- Do you think health care should be free or should people pay? What about those who want to pay?
- Name a current issue within the NHS which interests you *(new contracts, professional misconduct, clinical governance, GP Consortia, etc).*

Imagine you have been successful and have been granted a place on this course. You are on a rotation within a GP’s practice. A pregnant patient comes in concerned about having to have the swine flu vaccine she has heard about in the news. If you were the GP, how might you approach this situation. *(This is not a clinical question, it is looking at how the candidate might deal with the situation, e.g. clarifying patient’s concerns, listening to her questions, providing her with relevant information, respecting her choices etc).*

- What is the biggest mistake you ever made?
- Name one medical and one non-medical advance which in your opinion has had the biggest impact on health over the last 100 years.
- Are there any particular patients you remember from your work experience and if so why?
- How would you handle the stresses of working as a clinician?
- What is your greatest strength and greatest weakness?
- Finally, what makes a good doctor in your opinion?

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