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Dear graduates,

First of all, thank you all for your interest in participating in the ACAP-hosted mock interview. Recently we received a suggestion on how to maximize the benefit from this pre-interview session, which our ACAP has been striving for.

Being the resident and graduate committee members, we really encourage you to prepare the interview beforehand by yourself, by study group, skype group, or online forums through which you are prepared yourself for the interview moods, prior to presenting to the mock interview, and when participate in the mock interview, you can fully take the advantage for the mock interview session to receive 3-5 challenging questions, or you ask the interviews a few challenging questions you think will be difficult for you to answer, on top of your preparation.

One thing is for sure, nobody should expect through the mock interview, or even the professional interview training to get you ready for the real interview. Only yourself can prepare you to be ready for the interview. Equally important, nobody should expect to get standard answers to the interview questions. You can imagine, if 100 Chinese medical graduates give the same answers to the interview questions, we do not think that will be helpful to our candidates.

Here, in order to trigger our graduates to think and start to prepare for the interview beforehand, we list some the common interview questions for your reference.

Interview Preparation

1. Familiar with the program you applied for: strength/weakness of the program, key personals, program director/chair/faculty, coordinator, how to pronounce their names, publications; Writing down all the faculty names and a brief line about their interests.
2. Familiar with yourself: about your educations, research, publications, clinical rotations, reference letter writers.
3. Do you have any questions for us (the program)? prepare 4-5 questions to ask the PD/reviewers/resident chief/or residents.
4. Documents: CV, personal statement, other supportive documents, green card, social security card.
5. Behavior interview: clothing -tidy and clean; English pronunciation and tone. You want them to write "focused, mature, energetic, and enthusiastic" on the form they fill out.
6. Travel arrangement: air ticket, hotel, and rent a car; traveling material list
7. Thank you letter - Say your impression on the program, why you liked the program, how it could help you reach your career goals and what you would contribute to the program as a resident.

Prepare some of common questions

1. Please tell me something about yourself?
2. Why do you apply for our program?
3. After graduation for so many years, how do you evaluate yourself to be a medical resident?
4. You get good scores for your USMLE, what happened with the failure of your CS?
5. How do you know Dr. X (your reference letter writer)?



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6. You have many publications; why don't you continue on scientific research?
7. What do you want to learn from our program?
8. What is your career goal? Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years?
9. Give me a typical case in your clinical rotation and how did you manage it?
10. A patient presents to ER or clinic with chest pain/cough/abdominal pain/asthma/COPD exacerbation/CHF decomposition, etc., please make a case report
11. Some specific medical questions
12. You were trained in Surgery/Ob in China, why do you apply for internal medicine? Why not Surgery?
13. Have you had a challenge case in your clinical rotation?
14. Give me an example which you mostly take pride of it in your practice?
15. Under stress, overwhelming tasks and sleep depletion, what is your behavior?
16. Do you know anyone in our program?
17. What would your previous supervisor say your strongest point is?
18. What is your weakness?
19. Tell me about a problem you had with a supervisor.
20. What has disappointed you about a job?
21. What motivate you to do your best on the job?
22. May I ask about your family, if you do not mind of it?
23. Do you have anything else you would like to tell the interviewing committee?
24. What do you want me to tell the interviewing committee about you?
25. From 2010 you have not had any publications, what happened?