Interviewing

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The Interview

What are the objectives?
Objectives

• Make a positive first impression
• Be
  – Prepared
  – Personable
  – Conversational
  – Knowledgeable
  – Interesting and interested
  – Yourself!
Preparing for the interview:

Doing your homework!
Preparing:

Program Web Site
Preparing:

Who & what to remember
Preparing:

Two lists of questions:

• Programmatic
• Personal
Preparing:

Review what you wrote,  
*i.e.*, your application & essays
Preparing:

Become familiar with issues facing medical profession
Preparing:

The Suit and Tie and Shoes
Preparing:

Bring means of accessing other materials
Preparing:

Emphasize your interest in the school with specifics!
Preparing:

Grad School: close the deal!
Preparing:

Potential interview questions?
A reasonable partial list at:

http://gradschool.about.com/cs/medicalinterview/a/medquest.htm
Preparing:

Are you ready to address a ‘weakness’?
How about discussing your strengths?
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Bring yourself!
Nervous? Practice!
Watch your hands and foot tapping
(Don’t fidget!)
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Turn off your cell phone!
No iPods while waiting!
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You are not expected to have all of the answers.
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Do not ramble!
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Personalize the interview conversation
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Personalize the Conversation: use names
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Smile!

Practice the handshake & greeting
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Have Fun!