## Medicine Workshop

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# Life as a Medical Student

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# 10minute break

### Application Tips

Personal Statement/ Admissions Tests / Interviews



## Personal Statement

How can you write a personal statement suited to medicine?

Things to include in personal statement Interest in medicine

Relevant work experience

Hobbies

Tailored to the universities (balance of academic vs. Extra-curriculars)

Reflection

## Interest in medicine sli.do code: #22291

- Supra-curriculars
  - Books related to medicine
  - Articles related to medicine
  - Research projects
  - EPQs

#### Work experience



Local hospital / care home



Volunteering



Online work experience



Not about quantity but quality!

#### Hobbies







Sports

Music

Etc

#### Draft, draft and redraft!





GET YOUR TEACHERS / MEDICINE TUTOR
AT YOUR SCHOOL TO LOOK OVER IT

HAVE A LOOK AT PERSONAL STATEMENTS WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE STUDIED MEDICINE

#### Comparing personal statements

#### A

 'I want to be a doctor because I want to help people'

#### B

• 'I understand the importance of teamwork in the multi-disciplinary team after completing my hospital work experience. For this reason, I want to become a healthcare professional who can liaise well with other healthcare staff to improve patient care'

## Strategic Applications

## Admissions Tests

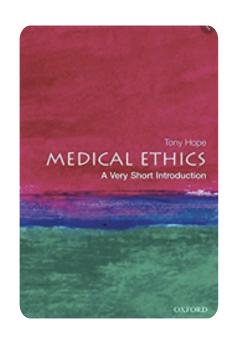
**BMAT** and **UCAT** 

#### UCAT

- Don't panic
- Practice not too early / not too late
- Look at the unis which need UCAT and you're interested in - what kind of scores are they expecting?
- Practice tests









#### **BMAT**

- Read up on your medical ethics for the essay
- Section 2 science and maths from GCSE - USE THE SPEC!!
- Practice tests







### Interviews \_

Panel and MMI

#### Top Tips

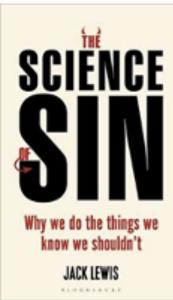
- Show that you know what it takes to be a good doctor and what skills you have
- Practice is key!!
- Use WhatDoTheyKnow.com Freedom of Information Act
- Listen **carefully** to the question don't answer what you wish had been asked
- Everything you say has to be backed up and related back to medicine
- Ethics questions: be opinionated show both sides of argument then pick a side and why it's stronger
- Collate resources into a PowerPoint

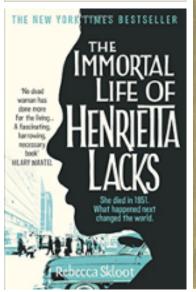


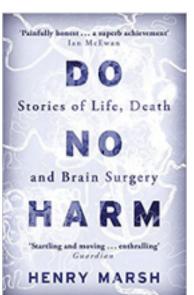
## Best resourced for Interview Practice

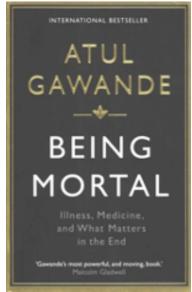
- GMC Good Medical Practice (online)
- GMC Ethics in Action https://www.gmc uk.org/gmpinaction/
- Medic Portal Practice questions (online)
- ISC Medical interview book
- https://www.WhatDoTheyKnow.com
- EACH OTHER

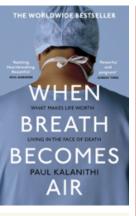
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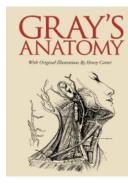




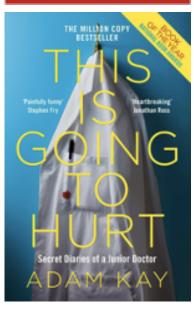












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### Q & A session

