Becoming a Doctor

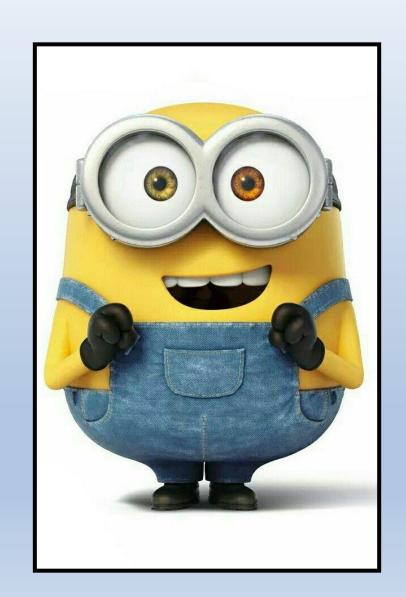
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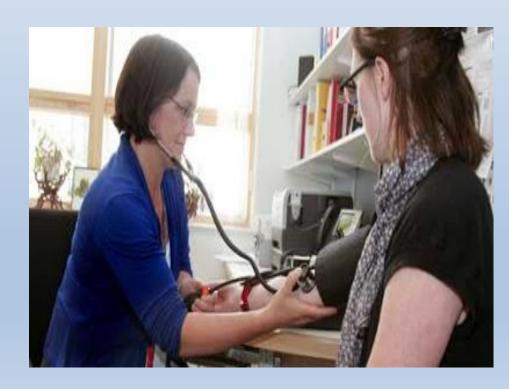
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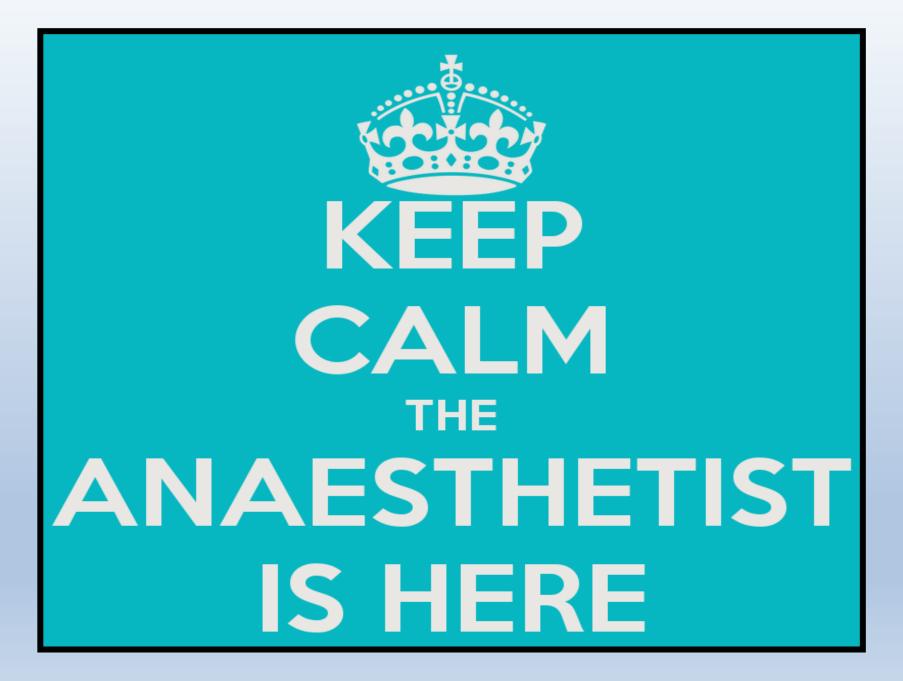
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Medicine

- My job
- Is Medicine for me?
- Getting In





'I'm petrified!' Lisa Riley breaks down on Loose Women as she reveals worries ahead of surgery





Best Bits About My Job

- Patients
- Helping people
- Changing/challenging
- Security
- Travel
- Well paid



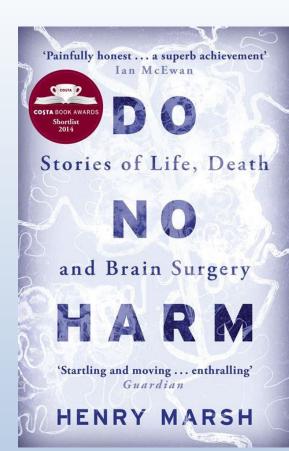
Worst bits about my job

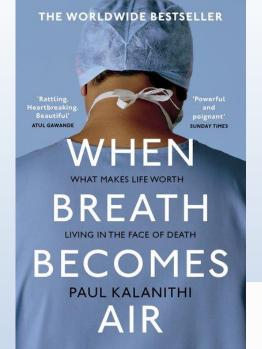
- Busy, limited resources
- Unpredictable
- Weekends/nights
- Politicians
- Exams



Is Medicine for Me?

- Like Sciences
- Hard working and motivated
- Enjoy working with people, esp. caring roles
- Found out about the job
- Good work-life balance





your
life
in my
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A junior doctor's story

'Fascinating and troubling. Read it and weep.'

SUSIE ORBACH

ALSO HUMAN

THE INNER LIVES OF DOCTORS

'Crucial and timely.'

ATUL GAWANDE, author of Being Mortal

CAROLINE ELTON



Getting in is hard

	Places	Applicants per place	Interviews per place	S5 Entry Requirements
Aberdeen	168	10.9	2.4	AAAAB
Dundee	121	10.2	2.7	AAABB
Glasgow	230	8	3	AAAAA
Edinburgh	190	10	N/K	AAAAB
St Andrews	125	10.1	N/K	AAAAB



Stuff That Doesn't Matter

Having Medical family members

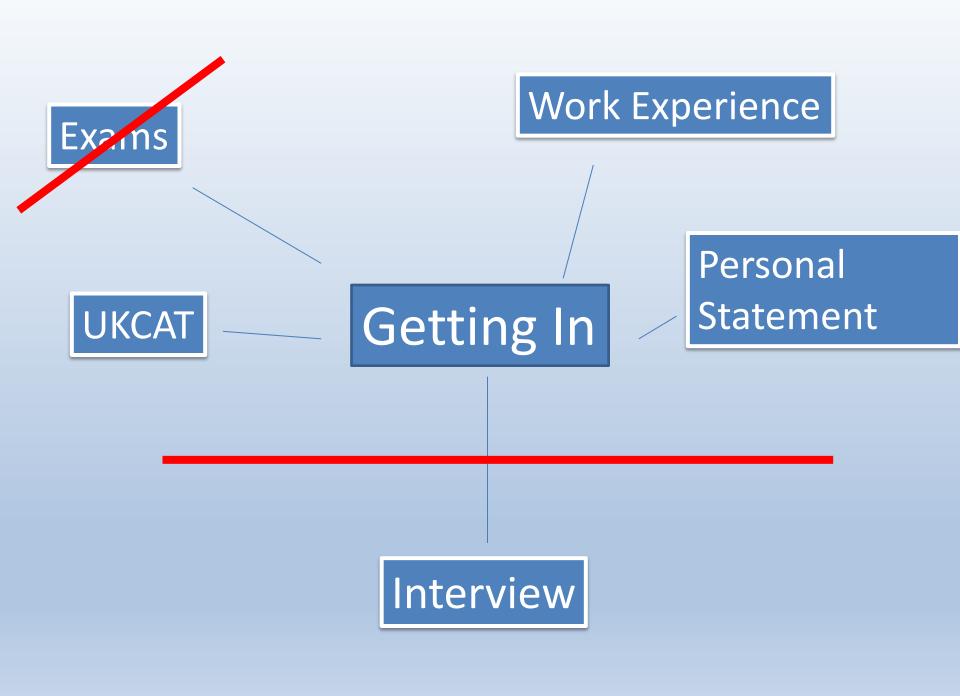
Which Medical School you go to

Medical School rankings

Exams Getting In UKCAT Interview

Work Experience

Personal Statement



Work Experience

Experience not the work!

People-focused, service or care role

Attributes of a doctor- communication etc

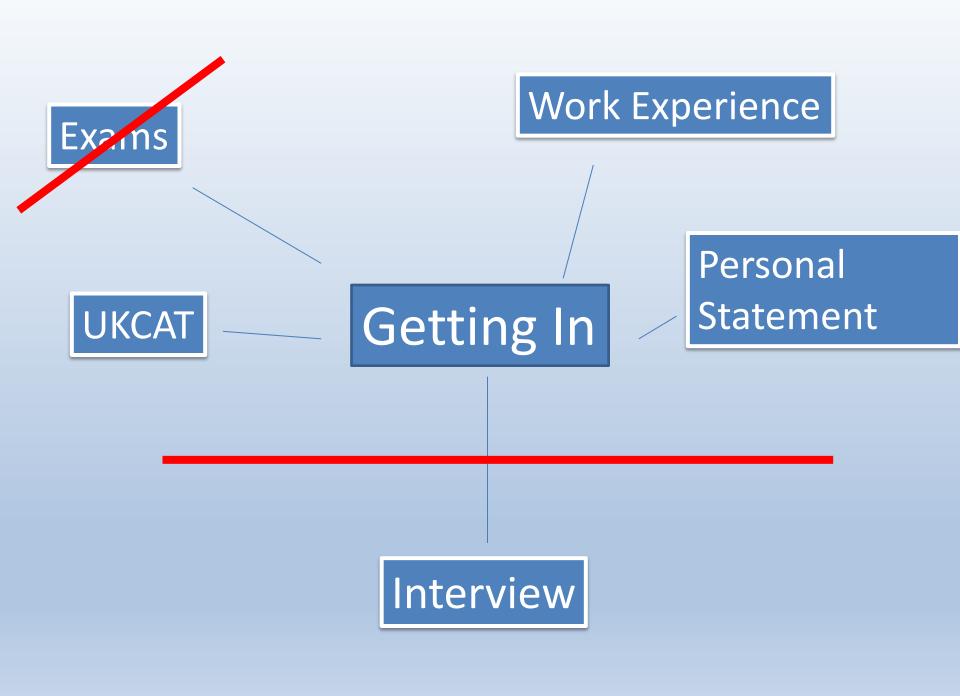
Understand reality of the job

Work Experience

- Care Homes
- Voluntary work
- Summer sports camps
- First Aid training
- Paid employment counts too

Work Experience





Personal Statement

Think about the attributes a doctor needs to have

 How can you demonstrate that you have those attributes?

General Medical Council

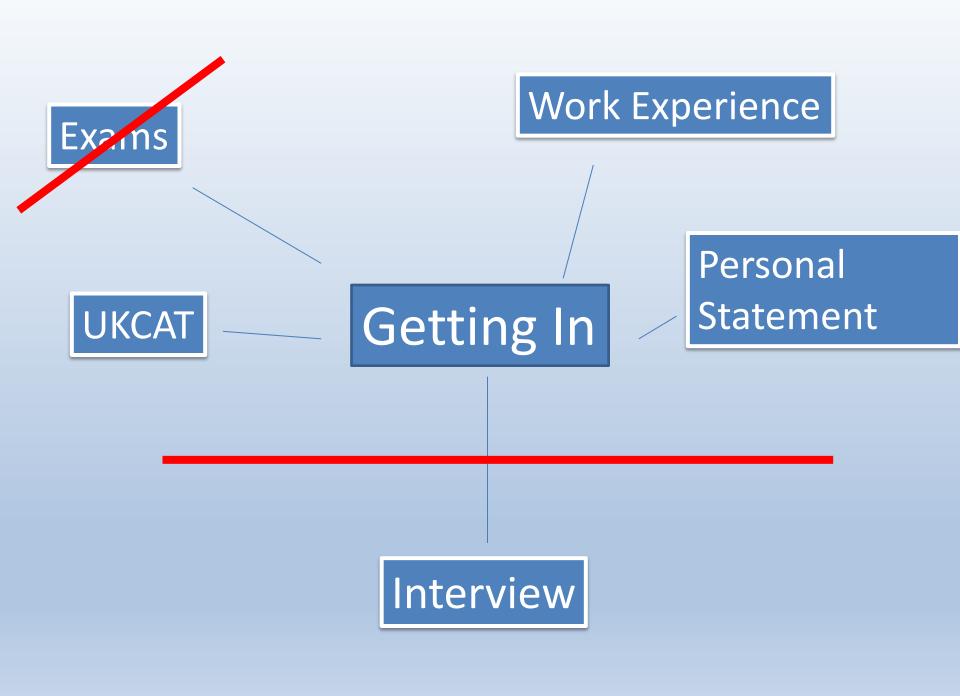
Regulating doctors
Ensuring good medical practice

Professionalism in action

- Patients need good doctors. Good doctors make the care of their patients their first concern: they are competent, keep their knowledge and skills up to date, establish and maintain good relationships with patients and colleagues, are honest and trustworthy, and act with integrity and within the law.
- 2 Good doctors work in partnership with patients and respect their rights to privacy and dignity. They treat each patient as an individual. They do their best to make sure all patients receive good care and treatment that will support them to live as well as possible, whatever their illness or disability.

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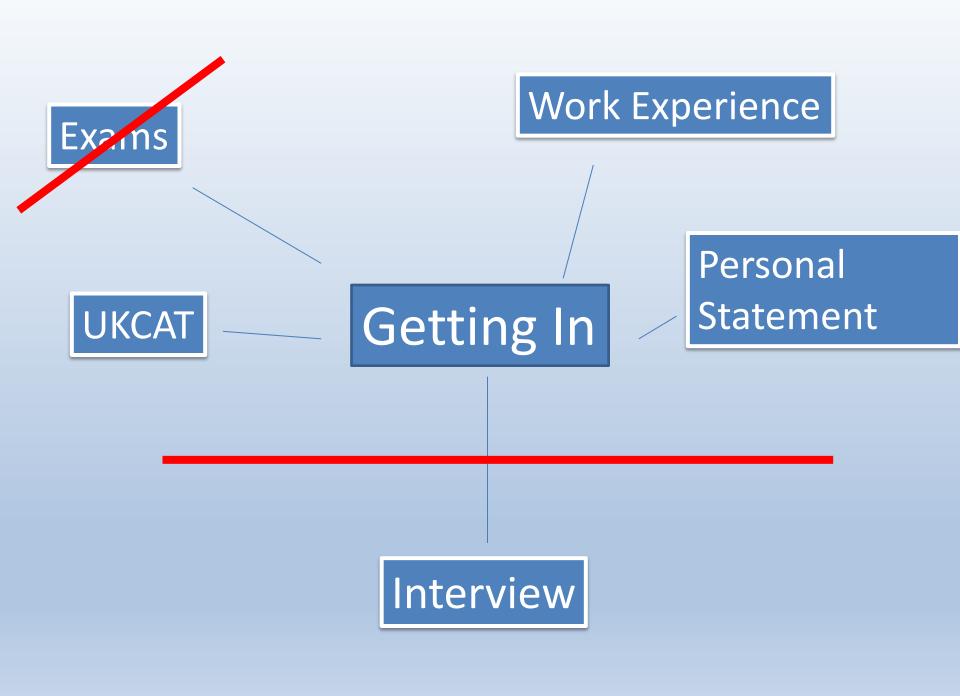


UKCAT/BMAT

Stuck with it!

Practise a lot

Know how your score will be used



Interview

Know the Format

Be on time and dress appropriately

• Be confident

Interview

Know your personal statement

Know the medical school

Know what's happening in Medicine

Ethical Scenarios

Useful Websites

www.medschools.ac.uk

All Medical School Websites

www.ukcat.ac.uk

www.nhsggc.org.uk

Thankyou!

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