

Informational Interview Questions

Following are questions you might consider asking a practitioner to get more information on the specialties you are considering:

1. How did you choose this specialty?
2. Why did you choose the specialty?
3. What do you like most about the specialty?
4. What do you like least about the specialty?
5. What are the various practice settings for this specialty?
6. What are some of the hot topics or challenges for physicians in this specialty?
7. What are the most important attributes that program directors may be seeking for future physicians in this specialty?
8. How do you balance your career with the rest of your life?
9. What are the salary ranges for residencies/entry-level positions? (also midlevel/senior level positions)?
10. What unique or unadvertised specialty associations and local contacts exist?
11. Are there other recommendations you would make to a new physician considering this specialty?
12. What attributes do you think are important in anyone considering this specialty?
13. If you had it to do over again would you choose this specialty? Why or why not?
14. Who else would you suggest I speak with? May I let them know you referred me?