

MMI Sample Questions

- 1) A man has been responsible for taking care of his wife who has been in a vegetative state for 6 years after a car accident. She can breathe on her own but that is the extent of her abilities. He requests that her feeding tube be removed. What should you, as her physician do? Why?
- 2) A student is working in a clinic where the office double books aboriginal patients. The student asks their reasoning and the receptionist replies that “Those people never show up for their appointments.” How would you deal with this situation?
- 3) You are working on a group project with 5 other students. One of the students doesn’t show up for meetings or if they do show up – they are late and leave early. They have put no effort into the group project but show up on the day of the presentation and try to take credit for the project. What do you do in this situation?
- 4) You are spending your evening as a JURSI in the hospital. It is late and you see a member of the staff duck into the supply closet with an empty bag and reappear in a few minutes with it appearing full. You have heard other staff members discussing that supplies are missing on a regular basis that cannot be accounted for. After observing the actions of the other staff member, what do you do?
- 5) You are a second year student shadowing a doctor in the O.R. Once the patient, an obese female, has been given general anesthetic and the procedure is underway the doctors start to make comments about her weight and call her names that you find inappropriate but most of all unprofessional. Do you talk to the doctor about his comments or do you keep your comments to yourself? Why?
- 6) Two patients need a liver transplant, but there is only one liver available at the time. Tell the interviewer how you would decide between:
 - a) a 64-year old retired politician who happens to be an alcoholic, or
 - b) a 26-year old mother of three who is on welfare.
- 7) You are part of a committee to decide where the money for health care in Saskatchewan is spent. It is your turn to inform the committee of your opinion on what you think is the single most important area requiring funding.
- 8) Discuss the social, legal, medical implications of a needle-exchange program with the interviewer. (Consider a needle exchange program to be a free service in which screens for STIs are provided, along with immunizations, physician referrals, and exchanging used needles for new ones). Follow up question: What are some viable alternatives?
- 9) You are tasked with conveying the graphic on the sheet before you to a fellow interviewee who must, with only your auditory aid, transcribe the graphic, as closely in size and shape, to their own blank sheet of paper.
- 10) Your company needs both you and a co-worker (Sara, a colleague from another branch of the

company) to attend a critical business meeting in Toronto. You just arrived at Sara's place to drive Sara to the airport. You have never met Sara before. Sara is in the room.

11) In your opinion, what is a primary flaw in the health care system. How would you address it?

12) It has been proposed that there should be a ban on lung transplants for heavy smokers or liver transplants for alcoholics. Discuss the implications of this.

13) There is a new public program in which individuals may be tested to determine if they are carriers for a number of heritable genetic diseases. It has recently been promoted as the method by which deadly diseases that may be passed on to your children, such as cystic fibrosis and BRCA1 breast cancer, may be eliminated from the world. You are a member of the Saskatoon City Council and your opinion has been asked on whether or not such a program should be established in the city. Discuss.

14) What are three important qualities do you think make a good physician? Follow up question: Do you think you possess?

15) There are two people in the next room that are in a conflict. Mediate the discussion and find a way to resolve the situation.

16) Recently, a drug company has been aggressively marketing their HPV vaccine for young girls to protect young women from cervical cancer. The vaccine has gained support because it will be protecting girls from this potentially deadly, and costly, disease. However, some people think there haven't been enough clinical trials. Pick a stance on this issue and prepare to support your argument.

17) Name a time in which you have failed. What lessons have you taken from this event that you feel you can utilize in preparation for medicine?

18) You recently told a long-time patient of yours, Sheryl, that she has multiple sclerosis. After hearing that the appearance of initial symptoms takes two to five years, Sheryl says that she will not be telling her family. You are also the family's general practitioner and you know that they would want to be told. How do you deal with this conflict?