

Appendix

Appendix 1:

1. Which University you are studying in:
 UAE University Dubai Medical College Sharjah medical College
 Gulf Medical College Ras al-Khaimah Medical
2. Which year of medical school are you in:
 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year 5th year 6th year
3. Age
 <21 21-24 >24
4. Gender.
 Female Male
5. Marital status.
 Single Engaged/Married Divorced
6. If applicable, is your spouse (e.g. Husband/Wife) also pursuing a medical career?
 Yes No
7. If applicable, How many children do you have?
 1-2 3 and more Not applicable
8. Nationality
 UAE national Non-UAE national/Specify
9. Place of birth
 UAE Outside UAE
10. Place of upbringing
 UAE Outside UAE
11. Where did you complete high school
 UAE Outside UAE
12. How are you paying your university tuition fees:
 Sponsored Self/Family

13. Which of the following categories best describes the occupation of the primary earner in your parental household?
- Managerial or professional occupation (e.g. doctor, accountant, teacher, nurse)
- Intermediate occupation (e.g. secretary, nursery nurse, clerical worker)
- Small employer or own account worker
- Lower supervisory or technical occupation (e.g. plumber, mechanic, train driver)
- Semi-routine or routine occupation (postal worker, van driver, waiter, porter)
- Unsure
14. Total family income (AED)
- 12,000 or less 12,000-30,000 >30,000
15. Father's education
- Less than high school High school Diploma/University Higher University degree
16. Mother's education
- Less than high school High school Diploma/University Higher University degree
17. Please indicate which, if any, of the factors listed below influenced your decision to study medicine: (Please tick as many as apply).
- Parent as doctor Liked science subjects
- Doctor in wider family circle High scores in school
- Parents advice Good prestige
- School Teacher guidance Desire to help people
- High income Media/TV shows such as ER, Doctors
18. Please list up to three UAE medical schools to which you applied to commence studying in. List them in order of preference and indicate for each whether you received an Acceptance (A), an Acceptance with some requirements (AR), or Rejection (RJ):
- | Name of medical school | Offered a place | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st choice | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> AR | <input type="checkbox"/> RJ |
| 2 nd choice | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> AR | <input type="checkbox"/> RJ |
| 3 rd choice | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> AR | <input type="checkbox"/> RJ |
19. Which of the following pre-admission tests did you sit? (please tick all that apply)
- Written/Computerized entry exam
- Interview
- TOEFL/IELTS/others

20. Do you think the test (s) you sat are a useful addition to the selection processes for medical school?
 Yes No Unsure
21. How would you describe the test (s) you sat?
 Very easy Moderately easy Moderately difficult
 Very difficult
22. How would you describe your experience of sitting these tests
 Very stressful Moderately stressful Slightly stressful
 Not at all stressful
23. Do you plan to do your Internship Training (One year training at the end of the medical school) in UAE?
 Yes No Undecided
24. Are you thinking of working abroad as a doctor after graduation
 Yes, but only temporarily Yes, permanently No, not at all
 Unsure
25. If yes to Q25, at what stage of your career do you think you will work abroad?
 After graduation During Specialty Training
 After Specialty Training
26. Do you have the intention to join specialty training after medical school:
 Yes No
27. Do you plan to do your Specialty training in UAE?
 Yes No Undecided
28. If your answer to Q27 is yes, in the table below, please list, in order of preference, up to three specialties which you would like to pursue as a long term career.

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic medical sciences specialty (e.g. Pharmacology, Physiology, Microbiology)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Pathology
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal Medicine subspecialties (e.g. cardiology, endocrinology, rheumatology, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Surgical subspecialties (e.g. orthopedics, vascular surgery, neurosurgery, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics	<input type="checkbox"/> Dermatology
<input type="checkbox"/> Obstetrics and gynecology	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiology
<input type="checkbox"/> Family medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiology
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Management/Health Management

29. Where did you find information about your specialty of choice:

- Immediate observation/interaction with a doctor in the same specialty
- Internet search/self-reading
- Media or TV/movie character
- Career guidance

30. Has there been any career guidance at your college to help you in your decision:

- Yes No

31. Tick the appropriate box that demonstrates the reason behind choosing your preferred specialty:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of practice/Work pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> On-call schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flexibility of specialty | <input type="checkbox"/> Matching personal interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty reputation/Prestige | <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated higher income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in long term relations with patients | <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated future mastering of skills and development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity of patients/ Physician-patient interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Charismatic role models |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on community health | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advice from faculty | <input type="checkbox"/> Advice from friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advice from parents/Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Advice from practicing physicians |

32. After graduation/specialization, Are you planning to work in:

- Government sector Private sector Your own clinic

33. Do you believe Doctors are paid more in which sector:

- Government sector Private sector

34. Do you think of working part time (Not every day of the week):

- Yes No

35. To what extend are the following factors important when considering your future career options? (please tick one response for each factor)

	Extremely Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not at all Important
Intellectual satisfaction				
Having the required talent				
No private practice				
Potential income				
Work/life balance				
Stable and secure future				
Amount of patient contact				
Prestigious specialty				
Length of training				
Easier to find a resident position				
Location of work				
Spouse career				
Carer responsibilities at home				

36. Whom do you think have better salary/income:

CEO (Chief executive officer)

Doctors

Bankers

Beauty salon owner

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey