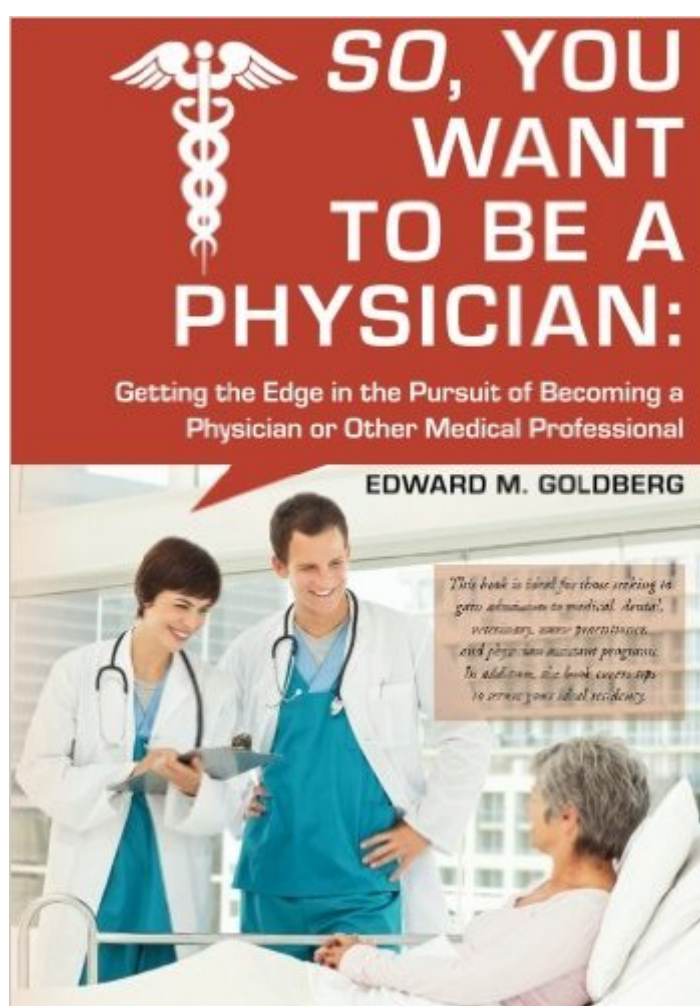


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# So, You Want To Be A Physician: Getting An Edge In Your Pursuit Of The Challenging Dream Of Becoming A Medical Professional



## Synopsis

The journey to becoming a medical professional is laden with a variety of challenges, including acing your personal statement in the application and impressing medical school staff during the interview. *So, You Want to Be a Physician* offers first-hand examples from aspiring medical students the author has mentored, including actual interview questions, personal statements, and practical advice on how to master the art of the interview.

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Like the author, I first became pressed into service as an admissions coach involuntarily. In my case, my college roommate needed help with his personal statement for medical school. The outcome was positive and for the past several decades, I've been involved in admissions coaching, along a broad spectrum. On the basis of my 30-plus years of experience in admissions coaching, I recognize this book as a goldmine of information for applicants to medical school (as well as a fascinating read for anyone with an interest in the process of medical school admissions). What's exemplary about this book is that it covers all the bases, offering ample "inside information" in a way that is insightful, straightforward and enjoyable to read. Simply stated, the author gives readers the inside scoop on what to do to increase chances of admission. There is information you might expect and there is also a good deal of information that you might not expect, such as these two insights about extracurricular activities: "[I]f [applicants] took all the time they spent on their extracurricular activities and channeled that time into either studying to get better grades or taking a Kaplan course

or individual tutoring for a better MCAT score, they would be much better off" (chapter 3). "Although most parents feel that volunteering in a hospital is a meaningful experience, and will help their children get into medical school, I don't believe that this is valid anymore. I believe the new gold standard for activities that will help applicants get into medical school is, first and foremost, research" (in chapter 6).

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