

'81 Cohort: Applicants Questionnaire

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b) 812075 interviewees

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St. Mary's Hospital Medical School

Research questionnaire for applicants for admission

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Today's Date ____ / ____ / 19 ____ 2. Date of Birth ____ / ____ / 19 ____

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Full name of candidate (Block Capitals) _____

Home Address _____

Country of Citizenship _____

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Sex (Please ring the appropriate reply) Male/Female

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Marital Status (tick the appropriate category)

- Single (not engaged to be married within the next twelve months) _____
- Single (engaged and contemplating marriage within the next twelve months) _____
- Married without children _____
- Married with children (If so, how many?) _____
- Divorced _____
- Widowed _____

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For residents of the U.K. only:

In which county or borough is your permanent home? _____

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In which of the following have you spent at least half of your life so far? (tick the appropriate category)

- Isolated rural area/s _____
- Village/s _____
- Small town/s (pop. under 50,000) _____
- Large town/s (pop. 50,000 - 250, 000) _____
- Cities/Conurbations (pop. 250,000 and over) _____

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If you have not yet left school:-

When do you intend to leave school? _____ month _____ year

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If you have left school:-

When did you leave school? _____ month _____ year

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In which of the following types of school have you received your secondary education? Please tick the appropriate one. If you have been in more than one type please indicate the number of years in each.

- Comprehensive _____
- Grammar School _____
- Grant-aided School _____
- Independent Public School _____
- Private School _____
- Secondary Modern School _____
- Sixth Form College _____

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During your secondary education did you spend one or more years as a boarder? (tick yes or no)

No/Yes

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If you have taken, or are going to take, British 'A' level examinations please give the subjects, board, date taken (or to be taken), and grades obtained. If you have not yet taken an A-level grade please indicate the grade that you hope to obtain. If you are taking resits, please indicate both grade obtained, and grade expected to obtain.

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	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade obtained</u>	<u>Grade expect to obtain</u>
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2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

Have you already obtained a University degree in any subject? No/Yes
If Yes, what division honours did you obtain?

First / Upper Second / Lower Second / Third / Pass

What degree and subject? _____

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Do you already have some professional qualification, other than a University degree? No/Yes

If yes, what qualification? _____

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Whether or not you have left school:-

17. When do you intend to enter university? _____ month _____ year

18. Do you intend or are you having a "year" off between school and University? No/Yes

19. Would you recommend to others that they should have a year or so off between school and university?

Definitely No / Probably No / Probably Yes / Definitely Yes

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Have you applied to UCCA before? No/Yes

If yes, please give details.

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What is or was your father's occupation?

(Describe what he does or did as fully as you can) _____

The following are The Registrar-General's Occupational Groups. Classify your father's occupation as precisely as you can into one of these groups (tick the appropriate category)

- a) Socio-economic Group I: Professional, etc. Occupations, e.g. University teachers, higher executives, company directors, lawyers, etc. _____
- b) Socio-economic Group II: Intermediate occupations e.g. teachers, journalists, authors, civil service administrative officers, pilots, managers, technicians, musicians, etc. _____
- c) Socio-economic Group III: Skilled occupations, e.g. accounting and costing clerks, craftsmen, foremen, shopkeepers, mine-workers, and other skilled workmen, etc. _____
- d) Socio-economic Group IV: Semi-skilled occupations, e.g. postmen and telephone operators, agricultural workers, etc. _____
- e) Socio-economic Group V: Unskilled occupations, e.g. building and dock labourers, etc. _____
- f) Armed forces _____
- g) Cannot classify _____

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Has your father had: (tick the appropriate category (ies))

23. a) A Higher Education?
 University
 Other professional training without university education
- b) A Secondary Education?
 Public School
 Grammar School
 Ordinary secondary
- c) An Elementary Education?
 Private Preparatory School
 Ordinary elementary school
 Do not know

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Please indicate for each group of relatives shown below, whether any are, or were, members of, or training for, the following professions, or jobs.
Mother Father Uncles Grand- Siblings Cousins Spouse
or Aunts parents

Doctor - Hospital							
- GP							
- Other							
Nursing							
Physiotherapy							
Radiotherapy							
Occupational Therapy							
Clinical Psychologists							
Dietitians							
Hospital Administration							
Other Hospital Work							
Medical Social Work							
Medical Secretary/ Receptionist							

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If either of your parents is medically qualified, which medical schools did they go to?

Mother _____
 Father _____

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How many siblings (brothers and sisters) have you? _____

Please indicate, in the following table, separately for each sibling, their age, sex and whether they are a medical student or doctor.

Sibling Number	Sex	Age (years)	Medical Student/Doctor
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

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Do you think that medical schools automatically reject candidates who put them in fourth or fifth place?

All of them / Most of them / A few of them / None of them

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How many of the medical schools that you have chosen have you actually visited? 0 1 2 3 4 5

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How many of your chosen medical schools are on your list because of:

- i. recommendations from students there at present? 0 1 2 3 4 5
- ii. recommendations from your school? 0 1 2 3 4 5
- iii. recommendations from doctors who trained there? 0 1 2 3 4 5
- iv. their nearness to your parental home? 0 1 2 3 4 5
- v. their farness from your parental home? 0 1 2 3 4 5
- vi. their prospectus? 0 1 2 3 4 5

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How important to you in choosing to apply to St. Mary's was the medical school prospectus?

Very important / Fairly important / Slight importance / Unimportant

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Would you like to be able to live at home whilst carrying out your pre-clinical training?

Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No

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How important to you is the particular order of medical school preference on your UCCA application?

- It represents a clear order of preference for me /
- It is moderately important / It is not very important /
- It is almost in 'chance' order

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How old were you when you first had the idea that you would like to become a doctor? _____ years

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How old were you when you definitely decided that you would like to become a doctor? _____ years

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How much did the following people or things encourage or discourage you in applying to study medicine?

Strongly encouraged Moderately encouraged Not much influence Moderately discouraged Strongly discouraged

	<u>Strongly encouraged</u>	<u>Moderately encouraged</u>	<u>Not much influence</u>	<u>Moderately discouraged</u>	<u>Strongly discouraged</u>
Your parents					
Your school teachers					
Reading books					
Watching television or films or listening to the radio					
Reading newspapers					
Your own general practitioner					
School friends or close colleagues					
People already studying at medical school					

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The following list shows a number of possible aspects of medical education in which one might be interested. Please put a "1" against that aspect in which you are most interested. Then put a "2" against the second most interesting aspect, and so on, down to "6".

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Order of
Importance

Learning about the social aspects of disease.	
Learning about the psychological aspects of disease.	
Learning about the physical aspects of disease.	
Learning how to take responsibility for patients.	
Learning how to carry out complex operations on patients.	
Learning about research.	

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Have you decided on the nature of an eventual career in medicine?
(tick the appropriate category)

- Yes, definitely _____
- Yes, I have inclinations towards a certain field, but have not finally decided ... _____
- No, but I have firmly decided against some kinds of work _____
- No, I am quite undecided _____

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Whether or not you have made up your mind, please indicate your degree of preference for a career among the following broad types of medical work:-

Very interested Fairly interested Not very interested Uninterested

	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Uninterested
Basic medical sciences or original research				
Hospital or specialist work with continuing responsibility for patients				
Clinical practice outside hospital e.g. general practice				
Hospital or specialist work without continuing clinical responsibility e.g. radiology, anaesthetics				
Hospital or specialist work of a laboratory nature e.g. pathology, microbiology, biochemistry				
Non-clinical work e.g. public health, medical administration				

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Below is a detailed list of specialties in which a medical career can be pursued. Please indicate your attitude towards the specialties as a possible career. If you either know nothing about a specialty, or have no opinions about it at all, simply leave that answer blank.

Definite intention to go in- to this Very attractive Moderately attractive Not very attractive Definite intention not to go into this

Anaesthetics					
Radiology/Radiotherapy					
Ophthalmology					
Dermatology					
Pathology					
Ear, Nose Throat surgery					
Surgery (including neurosurgery, thoracic surgery, etc.)					
Traumatic and Orthopaedic surgery					
Medicine in hospital (including cardiology, neurology, etc.)					
Obstetrics/Gynaecology					
Paediatrics					
Psychiatry					
General Practice (single-handed)					
General Practice (small partnership)					
General Practice (large group or health centre)					
Basic medical sciences					
Medical Research					
Laboratory medicine (Microbiology, Chemical Pathology, Haematology)					
Pharmaceutical industry					
Medical administration					
Public Health, Social Medicine					
Forensic medicine					
Industrial medicine					
Armed Forces					

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Estimate how the following statements describe your study habits by placing a tick in the appropriate box.

Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably No Definitely No

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I prefer to follow up my own ideas rather than to concentrate on set work.

I cover assigned work equally well whether it interests me or not.

I prefer not to restrict myself only to recommended reading.

I do not consider the best way of learning is by only completing the set work and doing the required reading.

I find a discussion of a topic more useful than a systematic representation.

I find it difficult to tackle something unless I know just what is expected.

I don't let myself get diverted on to something unless I know just what is expected.

It isn't often I try to think of doing something differently from the way described in lecture or book.

I like to feel that everything important is contained in my notes.

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No

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If you are not accepted for medical school this year will you:-

Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably No Definitely No

Apply to medical school again next year?
 Retake your A-levels in order to obtain better grades?
 Apply to university to study dentistry?
 Apply to university to read another biological science?
 If so, what?
 Apply to university to study a non-biological science?
 If so, what?
 Apply to university to study a non-science subject?
 If so, what?
 Apply to study a para-medical subject e.g. nursing, Physiotherapy, etc.?
 Other. Please specify

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No

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If you have any comments, or criticisms, of the medical school selection process, please write them here. Such comments are often the most valuable part of a survey.