Common Interview Questions

These are not in any particular order.

1. Tell me about yourself (most common question by far at the beginning of an interview).
2. Tell me about your path in getting to this point.
3. Why do you want to become a physician?
4. What was your favorite and least favorite course in college and why?
5. What role did your parents or others play in your decision to pursue medicine?
6. If you weren't accepted to medical school this year, what would you do?
7. If you couldn't do medicine, what other career would you choose?
8. Do you have any idea of what you would like to do in medicine? (Note: You are not expected to know what field you would like to specialize in. It's perfectly acceptable to say, I don't know when it comes to a specialty. This is more to get a general question about your motivations within medicine. These can change and it's ok to say so.)
9. Why did you choose your major?
10. What is your greatest strength? Your greatest weakness?
11. Tell me about a time in which you failed and how you learned from it.
12. Tell me about your research.
13. What role do you think research may play in your future?
14. How did you choose your area of research in college?
15. What is your favorite extracurricular activity?
16. What is your favorite volunteer activity?
17. What do you like to do for fun?
18. What do you like to do to destress?
19. What is something you would like to improve about yourself?
20. What are your greatest concerns about a medical career?
21. What are your greatest concerns about the healthcare system?
22. What challenges in healthcare do you think you will face as a young physician?
23. What personal challenges do you anticipate in your medical training?
24. What do you think will be your greatest challenge in medical school?
25. If I asked a close friend of yours to describe you, what would they say?
26. Do you have any family or close relatives in medicine? If so, how did they influence you?
27. Tell me about a time when you experienced loss and how you handled it.
28. What role do you think AI will play in medicine?
29. Are you concerned about AI and the role it might play in the future?
30. Who has been your greatest supporter in your path to this point?
31. Do you have anyone you consider a mentor? If so, tell me about them.
32. What is your passion? What drives you?
33. Tell me about a time in which you disagreed with someone. How did you handle it?
34. How do you handle conflict?
35. What is your response to being triggered? How do you respond?
36. What are you most confident about in yourself? Least confident?
37. What was the most challenging aspect of college for you?
38. What was the most interesting patient encounter that you witnessed while shadowing?
39. What do you like to read? What is your favorite book?
40. What is the thing you enjoy doing most in life?
41. Tell me about a time when you mentored someone?
42. How would you handle a patient that was inappropriate or rude to you?
43. How would you approach a professor if you disagreed with your grade?
44. How do you address a situation where you feel you were treated unfairly?
45. What leadership qualities do you feel you possess?
46. Tell me about a time when you served in a leadership position.
47. Tell me about a time when a team member wasn’t pulling their weight or doing their job properly and how did you handle it?
48. How do you interact with someone who does not share your values?
49. Tell me about a time when you helped a friend in need?
50. What are you most thankful for in life?