



## WORK INSPIRATION – Medicine Careers

To help your students explore a range of careers and use resources that will help them assess their skills and abilities.

What better time to explore the roles of those staff who are working to save us and care for us in the community.

### ASPIRING MEDICS

The [Royal Society of Medicine Careers page](#) is a good start for aspiring medics and their link with [The Medic Portal](#).

### ‘Virtual’ Medical Work Experience

- **Observe GP**  
Launched on 30 April, this is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16+. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP, created by the [Royal College of General Practitioners \(RCGP\)](#). Watch a seven minute teacher webinar introducing the

[Observe](#) a GP platform that will suit students aged 16+ who are aspiring medics. **PLEASE NOTE** – this site will be deactivated on 30 October (to be relaunched in Spring 2021).

- **Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BCMS)** [Brighton & Sussex Medical School](#) virtual work experience programme for those looking to apply to medical school. Here is an [all you need to know](#) about the programme. Before doing this programme as it will take some time and commitment, read this useful [review](#).
- A [blog](#) on best work experience alternatives if work experience is unable to occur
- [Medical Schools Council](#) has published [guidance](#) for gaining relevant experience during the pandemic

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- A [video](#) from the **Medical Schools Council** on gaining work experience in the time of COVID-19
- Blog '[What I Learnt on GP Placements](#)'
- Whilst no replacement for work experience. [Junior Doctors](#) is a documentary series on the BBC, following the journey of newly qualified medics as they start working on hospital wards for the first time.
- Hear from **Arun Kiru**, a junior doctor working in London who graduated from Cambridge University 2 years ago. He has helped 100s of students over the last 10 years. Here is his [video](#) to give you alternatives to work experience in a time of COVID-19.

### Medicine – University Related

- How to [prepare](#) for medical interviews
- [Guide](#) to Medicine Degrees
- [List](#) of Medicine Degrees
- 2020 application for 2021 requirements for UK Medical Schools has been [updated](#)
- **UCAT** – [Update](#) page for University Clinical Aptitude Test
- How to start **UCAT** [prep](#)
- [Prepare](#) for **UCAT** with official resources
- [Update](#), Tips & Tricks for **UCAT**
- **UCAT** [preparation](#) from the Medic Mind
- Follow the **UCAT** Twitter [feed](#) for updates and tips
- [How](#) will universities use your **UCAT** score?
- A [UCAT guide download](#) available from **We Are Medics**
- **BMAT** – [Update](#) page for BioMedical Admissions Test. They will be doing the November BMAT on computer rather than paper and pen – details [here](#).
- If you are worried about how COVID-19 will impact your medical school application - this [page](#) will keep you up to date with content from UCAS and Medical Schools Council

- A UK Medical Schools Webinar – Please watch the webinar back [here](#). Here is a [COVID-19 page](#) with useful links.

### Medicine Twitter Accounts to follow

- [https://twitter.com/swot\\_UP](https://twitter.com/swot_UP) - QUB
- <https://twitter.com/BecomingaDr> Aspiring medical student should follow to keep up to date with their live series of events which restart on 3 September. Follow on Instagram <http://instagram.com/becomingadr> and Facebook: <http://FB.com/becomingadr> - as they run some live sessions there.
- <https://twitter.com/themedicportal>
- <https://twitter.com/themedicbloguk> - The Medic Blog
- <https://twitter.com/ukmedschools> - UK Med Schools
- <https://twitter.com/GenMedX> - Generation Medics
- [https://twitter.com/we\\_are\\_medics](https://twitter.com/we_are_medics) It is also worth following them on [Instagram](#) for their Q&A sessions and other useful resources
- Local student Aqeel from Northern Ireland is just about to start medical school at King's College London Medical School. He used to attend Bangor Grammar School. He decided to create this YouTube channel **Inside Scan** to try and help prospective UK medical students to navigate through what seems like a long and complicated application process to get into medical school and becoming a doctor. Follow his [YouTube channel](#) and he is also on [Twitter](#). He already has videos on filling in your UCAS form and 2 on personal statements.
- Wentin Chen, a third year medical student at the University of Birmingham recently co-founded an organisation called **AspireMED** alongside two peers (one was her sister Jun Yu Chen). They organised a 'getting into medical school' conference. Wentin is from Northern Ireland (she attended Methodist College as did her sister Jun) and she participated in the Belfast Trust Work



Inspiration work experience programme whilst at school. As this conference was during summer holidays, many students missed the conference – the recording is now available [here](#) (and they have helpfully timestamped it.)

Details of what the conference included are on the Work Inspiration [website](#). Please follow on their social media channels: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

### Resources for completing a medical application

- A [useful resource](#) with links for those completing a medical application
- [Example of MMIs](#) used at QUB for Medicine
- [Medicine Personal Statement webinars](#) (there is a cost)
- [Quick guide](#) to writing a personal statement
- [10 Step Checklist](#) for a medicine personal statement from the **Medic Portal**
- **Medic Portal** suggests there are [3 key points](#) your personal statement should focus on
- An [example](#) of a medical personal statement
- A free [personal statement e-book](#) available from **We Are Medics**
- Selection of [personal statement blog posts](#) from **We Are Medics**
- The **Medical Schools Council** have a [video](#) (Oct. 2019) from heads of admissions from UK medical schools who answer questions on personal statements.
- Hear from **Arun Kiru**, a junior doctor working in London who graduated from Cambridge University 2 years ago. He has helped 100s of students over the last 10 years. [Here](#) he talks about completing a personal statement.

### Resources to expand medical career knowledge

- [Medical Mavericks](#) selection of short videos

- 3 medical [docuseries](#) on Netflix that are recommended to watch
- Some recommended [reads](#) for aspiring medics and some further [lockdown](#) reads
- Some [‘Hot Topics’](#) that may be useful from **We Are Medics**
- **University of Birmingham** Blog - A [whole selection of blogs](#) – written by current students for aspiring applicants
- Read the [diary of Mr Niall Eames](#), who is the Clinical Director and Consultant Spinal Surgeon, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust describing his time in the Nightingale Hospital in Belfast as he volunteered to work in a COVID-19 ward.
- **Great Ormond Street Hospital** at the start of June successfully separated craniopagus twins Yigit and Derman. Their complex surgery and care involved a 100 strong team. [Explore the story](#) of their treatment. Channel 4 News covered their incredible story – watch [here](#). (It may have scenes that are distressing)
- The **General Medical Council (GMC)** have a resource that students could find useful for interviews, MMIs or understanding scenarios they may be faced with - an interactive online ethics game. [‘Good medical practice in action’](#) is full of case studies that puts you in the shoes of a doctor – you can meet a range of characters in a variety of scenarios.
- **Medic Player** is a [streaming service](#) to watch a wide variety of TV shows and documentaries. Aimed at any person aspiring to study towards the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, radiotherapy, physiotherapy, biomedical science, pharmacology or life sciences. (Content is produced and created by qualified teachers and all content on is vetted) *Please note there is a cost involved and we are not making a recommendation, just highlighting this as option.* You can watch the content of [Operating Theatre Live](#) here too.



## Selection of Career Videos

- Video diary of a Consultant Anaesthetist in **Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow**. Hear about a [day in the life](#) of an anaesthetist working within obstetrics, the part of medicine that focusses on pregnancy and the safe delivery of babies.
- [Hear](#) from a junior doctor working in Glasgow in palliative care, in Marie Curie Hospice during COVID-19. This video discusses how palliative care can be different from other medical specialties and what they have learnt from their time at the hospice.
- [Explore the experiences](#) of 2 junior doctors working on the Acute Receiving Unit (ARU).

## SPOTLIGHT ON ....

### Career as a Pathologist

- [What](#) is Pathology?
- Explore the career of a [Forensic Pathologist](#) in Queensland, Australia.
- Explore the range of [careers in Pathology](#) on the **Royal College of Pathology** website
- There is a selection of 'Medical' careers within Pathology. Pathologists begin their careers as

medically qualified doctors, then go on to specialise in a particular area of diagnosis. [Read more](#) about their work environments, skills and training pathways.

- Virtual Careers Talk – Royal College of Pathologists [Careers Talk by Dr Rachel Liebmann](#), she is a Histopathologist.
- A selection of [Interviews with Pathologists](#) on the Royal College of Pathology YouTube.
- A brief outline of the [roles within Pathology](#) on the Royal College of Pathology YouTube.
- A Living Autopsy – What Happens During an Autopsy? [Dr Suzy Lishman, Consultant Histopathologist](#) at Peterborough City Hospital, explains how histopathologists work through the different sections and organs of the body to determine the cause of death. This is a full lecture – 1 hour 17 minutes. Please be aware although there is no blood, no body parts or dead bodies, you may find this uncomfortable.
- The journey of a [biopsy](#).
- The journey of a [blood sample](#).

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