Interviews

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Getting accepted into a neurosurgery residency in the United States is one of the hardest things one can achieve in his or her professional medical career. It is not impossible, but it takes careful planning and a great amount of work. It involves a very delicate and strict formula, and to achieve this goal, you have to get your checklist ready for this “amazing race.” One of the most important components of this formula is how to interview. We discuss here how to interview in general, whether you are applying to a research position, a subinternship, or even your residency interview, which is the most important one of all.

The day has come, you have received an e-mail or a call to interview for a position. Congratulations! However, your work has just begun. First, consider the question, what will make a program director or a lab manager hire you? Turn the table and put yourself in his or her shoes. You must convince him or her that as an international medical graduate (IMG), you are more than capable and that they can count on you.