

Interview Assessment #1

Name of Professional: Mohammed Aleem

Profession/Title: Anesthesiologist

Business/Company name: Texas Consultants in Anesthesia PLLC

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Assessment:

The first interview I went on this year was conducted with Mohammed Aleem, one of the partner anesthesiologists at Texas Consultants In Anesthesia. The interview was held at Medical City Frisco, a convenient 5 minute drive from my school. Through our meeting, I hoped to gain a more extensive knowledge of the specific duties of an anesthesiologist during surgery and advice on the long path towards this career, where Dr. Aleem is now. I wanted to know if he had any tips for being ahead during college and medical school, and being able to differentiate myself from others pursuing this path. The path I have to my career seems very clear to me as of now, and I believe the meeting I had with Dr. Aleem pushes me further in the right direction.

During the interview, I learned how important it was to gain as much experience as possible, but also be a well-rounded student. This advice continued into college and medical school; I can gather from this that being well rounded is important in all stages of life. I also was able to learn about the differences between being in an anesthesia group and being an anesthesiologist for a specific hospital. Dr. Aleem has made me aware of how “cutthroat” anesthesiologist groups are. Because of his advice, I will better understand (in the future) which specific anesthesia career path to take.

Along with the many benefits of becoming an anesthesiologist, which include a healthy work/life balance and an exciting career, Dr. Aleem has also exposed me to the drawbacks of

becoming an anesthesiologist; things to regrets about a career in anesthesia and the process leading up to it. One negative aspect of anesthesiology is having a hard time balancing between the needs of a patient and a surgeon during a surgical procedure. These warnings give me a chance to practice adjusting attitudes when necessary, and keeping calm in stressful situations. These skills are important for any career, but especially for anesthesiologists, because a patient's life may be at risk when unnecessary tensions are put on the doctor operating.

Although the entire experience of meeting Dr. Aleem was exciting and allowed me to learn more about the field, the best part was the advice I received about getting into medical schools and what to do while I'm pursuing my education in order to be ahead. He was very interested in the ISM program and the journey it would lead me on. The other best part of the interview was when he gave me the opportunity to watch surgeries with him. I still have other interviews to conduct, but Dr. Aleem is an exceptional anesthesiologist whom I would love to learn from. One part of the interview that surprised me was how essential he thought soccer was to my education, specifically getting into colleges and medical school. As mentioned above, Dr. Aleem has repeatedly stressed the importance of being a well-rounded student, and how much that sets you apart from the other applicants. Overall, this interview was a very positive experience, and I hope all my other interviews are just as successful.