



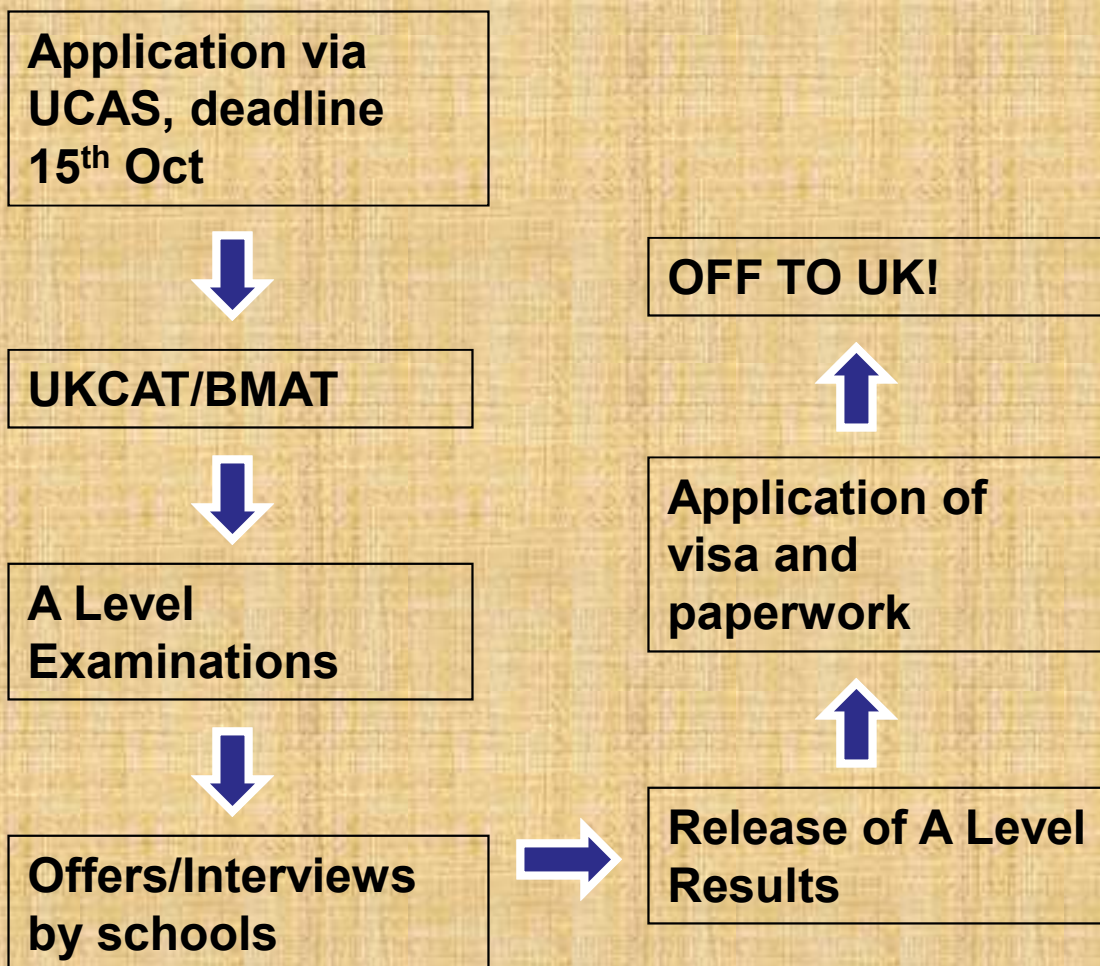
SMSUK 2011 JC Talks

A sharing session on studying medicine in
London/ United Kingdom

Contents covered in this session

- General application procedure to UK
- Admission procedures to medical schools
- Pre-requisites
- Finances
- Experiences shared by students studying in London/UK
- QnA session

General Time-scale of applying to UK



Singapore Medical Society of United Kingdom **(SMSUK)**

- Non-profit medical society established by students for students
- Aims:
 - Represent interests and enhance members' welfare
 - Offer information and links on education and career in UK & Singapore
- Members: Students studying medicine, allied health and life sciences in the UK
- Link between medical and scientific organizations in Singapore (MOHH, SingHeath, NHG, A*STAR, etc.)

List of events organised by SMSUK

- Booth set up at British Council Pre-departure Fair
- Singhealth Student Engagement Dinner
- Freshers & Members Gathering
- SMSUK Annual Weekend Trip
- SMSUK Annual Dinner
- Local Hospital Tours/Attachments over summer



Weekend Trip at Bournemouth, 2011





SMSUK Annual Dinner 2011



Why are we here?

- To help you make an informed decision when deciding between universities
- To give you an idea of life in the UK from different perspectives
- To answer any queries you might have before you embark to the UK
- To share our personal experiences in applying for and studying in the UK

Why Study in the UK?

Multicultural Experience

- Cosmopolitan society
- People from all over the world

Extensive, State-of-the-Art Facilities

- Self-contained campuses out of London
- City campuses within easy reach of everything you need!

Personal Growth and Development

- Probably the first time living on your own
- A new meaning to independence

General Medical Course Structure

- 2 years pre-clinical
- 3 years clinical
- 1 year intercalated BSc
 - optional/compulsory (depending on various schools)
 - Years 3, 4 OR 5
- Methods of teaching:
 - Lectures
 - Tutorials
 - PBL (Problem-based learning)
 - Clinical skills teaching
 - Patient interaction
 - Dissection/prosections

Admissions

- Application through UCAS
- 5 Choices, 4 medical schools max
- Minimum 'A'-level requirements
AAB, Chemistry (essential), Biology (most require at least at AS level)
- London/Oxbridge prefer 4 subjects
(London colleges usually ask for a minimum AABB or AABC)

Admissions

References and personal statements

- Perfect your personal statement
- Get a good reference

Interviews

- Universities and Course Structures
- Read up on the prospectuses of medical schools
- Anything in your personal statement can be asked, so be familiar with it!
- General medical updates or recent breakthrough research
- Medical ethics

Medical Interviews

- 1) Why do you want to be a doctor?
- 2) What qualities do you think patients appreciate in a doctor?
- 3) What qualities do you think colleagues appreciate in a doctor?
- 4) What qualities do you possess that will make you a good doctor?

- 5) Do you think/why is research is important?
- 6) What are the benefits/limitations of research?
- 7) Can you give an example of how medical research has been beneficial?
- 8) Tell us about something medically related that you have read in the press?

- 9) Describe a situation you have been in which was stressful.
- 10) How do you deal with stress?

- 11) What do you think the benefits of PBL (problem-based learning) are?
- 12) What are the disadvantages of PBL?
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- 13) What do you think you will find most difficult about a career in medicine?
- 14) Tell us about your work experience
- 15) What did you learn about yourself from your work experience?
- 16) What did you learn from the doctors and nurses from your work experience?
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- 17) Research has shown that "Integrity" is an important quality in a doctor. What do you think is meant by this and can you give an example of a situation in which acting with integrity might be important?
- 18) Give an example of when you have worked in a team.
- 19) How can you contribute to the University?
- 19) Is there anything else that you'd like to add?
- 20) Why do you choose to study medicine here? What do you like about the course we have here?

Medical schools in London



UK Medical Schools Admission Tests

1) **UKCAT** (United Kingdom Clinical Aptitude Test)

- *for most universities*

2) **BMAT** (BioMedical Admissions Test)

- *for Cambridge, Imperial, Oxford, University College London*

UKCAT

University	UCAS Course Code
University of Aberdeen	A100, A201
Brighton and Sussex Medical School	A100
Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry	A100, A101, A200, A201
Cardiff University	A100, A104, A200, A204
University of Dundee	A100, A104, A200, A204
University of Durham	A100
University of East Anglia	A100, A104
University of Edinburgh	A100
University of Glasgow	A100, A200
Hull York Medical School	A100
Keele University	A100, A104
King's College London	A100, A101, A102, A202, A205
Imperial College London Graduate Entry	A101
University of Leeds	A100
University of Leicester	A100, A101
University of Manchester	A104, A106, A204, A206
University of Newcastle	A100, A101, A206
University of Nottingham	A100, A108
University of Oxford Graduate Entry	A101
Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry	A100
Queen's University Belfast	A100, A200
University of Sheffield	A100, A104, A200
University of Southampton	A100, A101, A102
University of St Andrews	A100, A990, B900
St George's, University of London	A100
Warwick University Graduate Entry	A101

Format of UKCAT

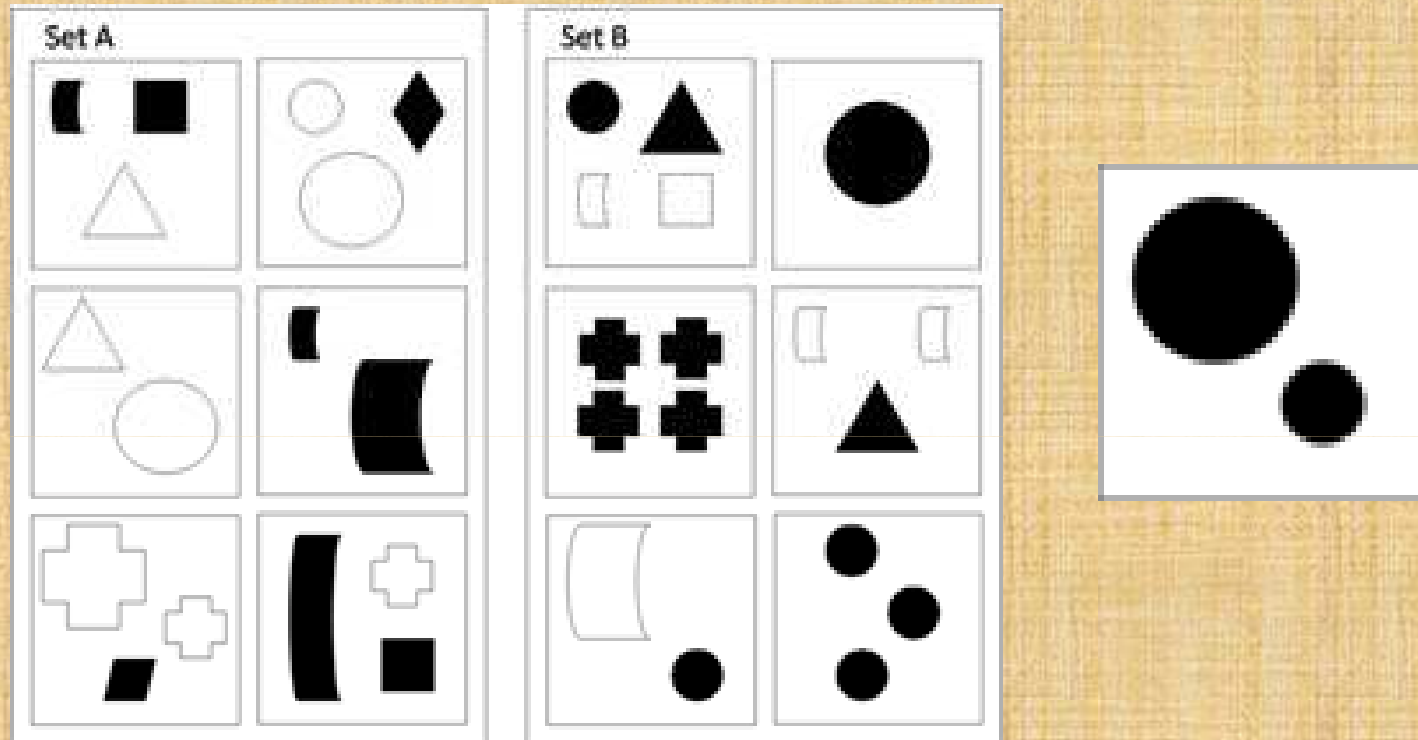
- The test is delivered in 2 hours.
- Each subtest is in MCQ format and separately timed

Section	Time (mins)	Items
Verbal Reasoning	22	44
Quantitative Reasoning	23	36
Abstract Reasoning	16	65
Decision Analysis	32	28
Non-Cognitive Analysis	27	varies depending upon the version section taken

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

- Verbal reasoning - assesses candidates' ability to think logically about written information and to arrive at a reasoned conclusion.
- Quantitative reasoning - assesses candidates' ability to solve numerical problems.
- Abstract reasoning - assesses candidates' ability to infer relationships from information by convergent and divergent thinking.
- Decision analysis - assesses candidates' ability to deal with various forms of information, to infer relationships, to make informed judgements, and to decide on an appropriate response, in situations of complexity and ambiguity.
- Non-cognitive analysis - identifies the attributes and characteristics of robustness, empathy and integrity that may contribute to successful health professional practice.

UKCAT-Abstract Reasoning



Answer: Set B

All shapes in set A with four sides are shaded, whereas in set B all shapes without four sides are shaded

UKCAT-Decision Analysis

Table of Codes

Operators & General Rules	Specific Information Basic Codes
A = all	1 = water
B = command	2 = island
C = opposite	3 = man
D = change	4 = sheep
E = female	5 = fish
F = across	6 = boat
G = big	7 = cottage
H = up	8 = go
	9 = take
	10 = catch
	11 = wait
	12 = see
	13 = warm
	14 = well
	15 = container
	16 = cover

7. What is the best interpretation of the coded message: 3, C12, C13(4)

- A. In the cold, the man overlooked the sheep.
- B. It was cold, so the man didn't see the sheep.
- C. You see the cold sheep, don't you?
- D. You don't see the cold sheep.
- E. The cold sheep doesn't see her.

8. What would be the best way to encode the following message?

In spring, the girl became a woman.

- A. E(CG), D, EG, D1(13)
- B. E(CG), D, EC, D13
- C. E, D, EG, D1(13)
- D. D13, E, D, EG
- E. D13, E(CG), D, EG

3: Man

C: Opposite

12: See

C12: Can't See?

13: Warm

C13: Opposite warm=cold

C13(4): Cold Sheep?

Answer: D

D13: Change warm?

D1 (13): change water (warm)

E(CG): small female

EG: big female

Answer: E

UKCAT – Key Dates

Date	Remark
3 rd May 2011	Registration Opens
3 rd May 2011	Bursary applications processed
5th July 2011	Testing begins
23rd September 2011	Registration deadline and bursary application deadline
7th October 2011	Last testing date

Sit the test between 1 September and 7 October 2011 (test fee £80 EU / £100 Non EU)

Format of BMAT

- 2 hour pen and paper test

Section	Time (mins)	Items
Aptitude and Skills	60	35 multiple choice or short answer
Scientific Knowledge and Application	30	27 multiple choice or short answer
Writing Task	30	1 essay question from a choice of 4

- Test taken at British Council, Singapore
- Date of Exam: **Wednesday, 2nd November 2011, 9am GMT**
- Cost: 1st August – 29th September S\$450 (standard)
30th September – 13th October S\$550 (late registration)

Taken from:

<http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/bmat/about>

BMAT – Key Dates

Date	Remark
1 st September 2011	Entries Extranet Opens
16 th September 2011	Last date for requests for modified question papers (eg. Braille or enlarged)
30th September 2011 (GMT 5pm)	Standard entry closing date. Entries after this will be charged a late fee.
14 th October 2011	Last date for BMAT entry.
14 th October 2011	Last date for requests for reimbursement of BMAT fees
2nd November 2011	BMAT
23 rd November 2011	BMAT results released

Cost of Living

Current exchange rate: £1 \approx S\$1.975 (as of 3rd July 2011)

Tuition Fees

- = £16 000 (Pre-clinical) and £30 000 (Clinical)
- Costs vary with different universities
- London colleges generally more expensive

Accommodation

- £120 –160 per week (catered)
- £80-120 per week (self-catered)
- £95-200 per week (private – e.g. studio flats)

Cost of Living

Living Expenses (Annual)

- £8500-9000 (Accommodation + Transport + Shopping + Bills + TV license)
- Generally cheaper living outside of London

Total Expenditure for the MBBS course = £200 000 (5 years) = S\$400,000 (minimum)

Sources of Funding

These are means of supplementing your living expenses, and NOT a source to fund all your expenses

- **Getting a Job**
20 hours a week max, unlimited during holidays on student visa
- **Scholarships from the universities/colleges**
Usually a few thousand pounds, generally not enough to cover your tuition fees
- **Prize Exams**
Few hundred pounds if you can attain one of the top 3 positions in your cohort
- **Post-Graduate Scholarships**
eg Gates-Cambridge Scholarship
- **A*STAR Scholarship**

Registrable Basic Medical Qualifications from UK

- Faculty of Medicine and Medical Science, University of Aberdeen
- College of Medicine and Health Sciences, The Queens University of Belfast
- School of Medicine, University of Birmingham
- Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Bristol
- School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge
- Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Dundee
- Medical School, University of Edinburgh
- Faculty of Medicine, University of Glasgow
- School of Medicine, University of Leeds
- School of Medicine, University of Leicester
- Faculty of Medicine, University of Liverpool
- King's College London School of Medicine
- Barts and The London Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry
- University College London Medical School
- St. George's University of London
- Faculty of Medicine, University of Manchester
- Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, The University of Nottingham
- Oxford University Medical School
- Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Sheffield
- Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton
- Medical School, University of St. Andrews
- College of Medicine, University of Wales
- School of Medicine, Imperial College London
- School of Medicine, Cardiff University

QnA Session

Who to contact?



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Visit our website at <http://www.sms-uk.net/>

Useful Websites

- MOHH
<http://www.physician.mohh.com.sg/>
- The British Council:
www.britishcouncil.org/singapore
- UCAS:
<http://www.ucas.ac.uk>
- The British Medical Association:
<http://www.bma.org.uk>
- UKCAT
<http://www.ukcat.ac.uk>
- BMAT
<http://www.bmat.org.uk/index.html>
- Useful forums for medical students
www.newmediamedicine.com
<http://forums.studentdoctor.net/index.php>

BMAT and UKCAT Uncovered: A Guide to Medical School Entrance Exams

➤ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/38207583/BMAT-and-UKCAT-Uncovered-a-Guide-to-Medical-School-Entrance-Exams>

Sample BMAT questions

<http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adf/bmat/Test+Preparation>

Extra Information

British Pre-departure Fair

23rd July 2011, Singapore Poly Convention Centre