The Undifferentiated Medical Student Podcast

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The Undifferentiated Medical Student (TUMS) is a top-ranked Medicine podcast in iTunes (free) about choosing a medical specialty and planning a career in medicine.

There are a lot of specialties (120+) to choose from in a medical career and very little time to explore them all. Complicating the problem is the fact that, at times, mentorship can be hard to come by in medical school which makes many med students feel as though they have to make the decision on their own. The purpose of the TUMS podcast is to help med students learn the talking points of all the specialties and to empower them to start exploring their career options early and on their own.

To accomplish this, the host of the podcast, Ian Drummond, a 4th year medical student at Case Western Reserve University, decided to conduct interviews with at least one physician from each of the 120+ specialties and subspecialties listed on the AAMC's Careers in Medicine website and to record these conversations as a means of scaling the mentorship of these physicians so that all medical students struggling with career planning could benefit from their advice.

Curious about psychiatry? Check out Ep 037. Still deciding between medicine and surgery? Start with episodes 001 and 002. Maybe anesthesiology (Ep 034) is more your speed. Or maybe neurosurgery (Ep 003) is more your speed. Can't decide between kids and adults? Take a listen to the med-peds episode (Ep 008). Like outpatient everything? Family medicine is Ep 016. Surgery, you say? Take your pick: vascular surgery (Ep 050), plastic surgery (Ep 051), orthopedic surgery (Ep 033), cardiothoracic surgery (Ep 013), colorectal surgery (Ep 004) and even Mohs surgery (Ep 059). And you should probably tack on OB/GYN (Ep 009) and urology (Ep 032). Ever hung out with a pathologist (Ep 054)? A radiologist (Ep 015)? An interventional radiologist (Ep 060)?

These and all other episodes can be found at www.UndifferentiatedMedicalStudent.com.

To medical students: TUMS is freely available on iTunes, Stitcher Radio and Google Play Music. Subscribe to the podcast on your podcast player of choice, and don’t be afraid to listen on double speed. The audio quality is great so enjoy at your preferred playback speed without missing a word. Please feel free to reach out to Ian at ian@UndifferentiatedMedicalStudent.com for any reason, and if you want to hook Ian up with a guest but don’t know what to say to them, check out the TUMS email template.

To physicians: If you are interested in being a guest on the show or if you are willing to connect Ian with other physician guests for the show, please reach out to Ian at ian@UndifferentiatedMedicalStudent.com. A list of specialties yet to be featured on the podcast can be found at www.UndifferentiatedMedicalStudent.com/suggestions, as well as the questions asked on the show.