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The Organisers Allan and Suzie Fox have extensive experience of organising medical courses and have organised a postgraduate medical course since 1992. Dr Allan Fox is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. They decided to set up Medicourses in 2004 after their son attended a rather disappointing and expensive medical course a considerable distance from the South East and recognised the need for a high quality, practical course in the South, Medicourses was born.....

Making it fun

We wanted to ensure that students were not herded into large lecture theatres for hours on end listening to poor quality lecturers.

The emphasis is very much on the practical aspects of medicine and the course will be spent learning some of the skills of a doctor. We have an array of equipment that would put many hospital skills laboratories in the shade. Endoscopes costing thousands of pounds, endoscopic models, xrays, advanced resuscitation equipment, ophthalmoscopes, models for pneumothorax recovery, intubation mannequins, eye and ear examination models, a heart and lung sound generator model, and human models to examine.

Students between the ages of 15 and 19 are welcome to attend either as residents or non-residents. The course is designed to help students decide whether medicine is the right career for them and to assist them in the tricky process of getting into medical school.

There are three components to the course:

1) A variety of lectures spread out over the three days given by our team of eminent consultants who will give you a brief insight into their speciality and how they got there! Our team of doctors includes specialists in subjects as diverse as Neurosurgery, where top neurosurgeon/sports injuries specialist, Peter Hamlyn, will talk you through his involvement in the health aspects of the successful Olympic bid and his role as a neurosurgeon with a particular interest in Sports Injuries. We also have specialists in Oncology, Dermatology, Orthopaedics and General Practice to name but a few. All are deeply committed in their desire to help you make the right choices when it comes to a medical career.

2) Our ever growing band of Medical students (some of whom came on our very first course)! will be on site to help you through a series of practicals during which you will get the opportunity to practice your surgical and diagnostic skills. We have a large array of mock skins to suture and fake arms to take blood from. We also have patients who will allow you to listen to their hearts and carry out various basic medical tests on them. The Medical students are from a variety of Medical Schools, including Oxbridge and you will have plenty of time to question them on life as a Medical student and which Medical School would be best suited for you as an individual. Our practical sessions have been further expanded and now include;

Venesection (blood taking and joint injecting), Suturing (stitching wounds), Using a mannequin to learn normal and abnormal heart and lung sounds. Resuscitation skills, Intubation of a patient., Saving patients with an obstruction or pneumothorax (collapsed lung) by inserting needles into the throat or lung of special mannequins.

Use of mannequins to view abnormal eye and ear conditions, Use of endoscopes to practice techniques for viewing patients stomach or bowel. Checking for breast and testicular tumours using special models, Examination technique training, 'Meet the medical students', xray assessment, Discussion of ethical scenarios used in the interview selection process. Many medical skills centres do not have the breadth of equipment available on this course!

3) Finally, Dr Fox will give you a very comprehensive series of lectures covering subjects such as how to optimize your chances of getting into Medical school, tips for writing the perfect Personal Statement and how to present yourself at Interview. Dr. Fox has a wealth of experience in reading Personal Statements not just for applications to Medical School but for Post graduate Doctors hoping to climb the career path. Indeed he has written a book on the subject. An Interview and assessment of your draft personal statement are available for an additional £30. Our interviewers are all very experienced in student interview technique.

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