

LISTENING TO AND SHARING THE VOICES OF **ACADEMIC MEDICINE**

We are living in an unprecedented time and medical professionals are seeing it firsthand. Record your story — and the stories of those you love — with StoryCorps to help chronicle and make meaning from the diverse range of experiences from your community. Interviews are archived at the Library of Congress, becoming part of American history.

BEFORE YOU START

Do your homework. Create a login and join the AAMC Community by clicking [HERE](#). Most participants are able to get through about six questions during a 40-minute interview. Select six to eight questions from the lists below. Keep in mind that sometimes the best questions are the ones that you've always wanted to ask, so feel free to add a few of your own.

Begin with both participants introducing themselves:

PARTICIPANT 1:

My name is (name). I am (age) years old. Today is (date), and I'm speaking with (partner's name), who is my (relationship). I am recording this interview in (place, city, state; e.g., "my home in Nome, Alaska").

PARTICIPANT 2:

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GREAT QUESTIONS FOR ANYONE

1. How did we first meet? What is your first memory of me?
2. What was the happiest moment of your life? The saddest?
3. Tell me about how you got into your line of work. Is there a personal connection to your work that drives you?
4. Who has had the biggest influence on your life? What lessons did they teach you?
5. How has your life been different than what you'd imagined?
6. What does your future hold?
7. How would you like to be remembered?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE TIMES OF EXTREMITY

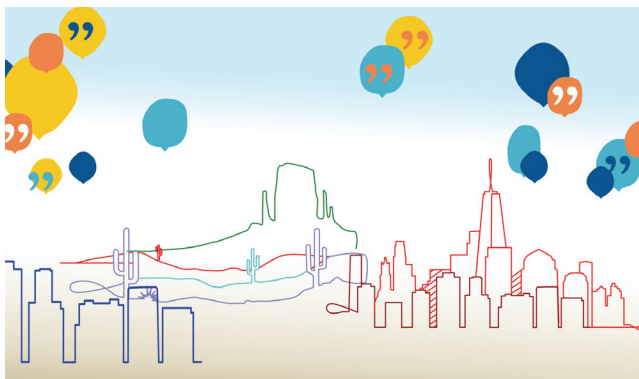
1. How has living and working through this experience made you feel?
2. What would you like people to know about being (a frontline medical worker/medical student/resident/attending physician) during this time?
3. Is there a piece of the story that's been overlooked?
4. How has your community been affected by these events over the past three + months?
5. What has been the most challenging part of this experience?
6. What has been the most positive or inspiring thing you have witnessed?
7. Is there a particular person or story that stands out in your mind when you think about your work during this time?
8. What keeps you motivated to continue your work?
9. At this time, what nourishes your heart/soul/spirit? What gives you hope?
10. What would you say you are learning from this moment in time?
11. What have you learned about yourself?
12. How have you been changed (spiritually, morally, politically, etc.) by this experience?
13. How has your work and/or your day-to-day been altered by these events?
14. Is there anything you want to say to me given what we're living through at this moment?
15. What lesson(s) do you hope our country can take from this moment in history?
16. What lesson(s) do you hope academic medicine will take from this moment in history?
17. What are your hopes for the future of this country?
18. What are your hopes for academic medicine?
19. Do you have any wisdom or advice for me about getting through this moment?
20. (For elders) How does this moment compare to the civil rights protests of the 1960s?
21. What is one possible way to reduce health disparities in your health system or community? In your educational program?
22. Describe an experience when you felt bias or racism impacted your ability to provide or receive healthcare? What happened, and how did it make you feel?

QUESTIONS LOOKING FORWARD

1. What advice would you give to other (frontline medical workers, medical students, residents, attending physicians)?
2. What advice do you have for faculty teaching the next generation of medical professionals?
3. What advice do you have for new graduates just entering the medical field?
4. How can we better support our members and community?
5. How might we increase the diversity of healthcare professionals, especially physicians of color?
6. What do you want future generations and future medical professionals to know about this time?
7. What about the future most excites you?
8. What are your hopes for your community and our country as we emerge from this time?

CHECKLIST FOR INTERVIEW DAY

- Prepare your questions in advance: write down or print a copy of questions you'd like to ask. Be prepared to go off script and ask follow-up questions!
- Create a login and join the AAMC Community [HERE](#). Invite your partner to record on StoryCorps Connect by sharing a private link to your recording session.
- Begin the interview by introducing yourself and your partner. State the location, date, and year where and when you are conducting the interview.
- After you record, enter your summary, title and keywords and take a photo with your partner when prompted by the app. Don't forget to use the keyword **AAMCToday** and the name of your local public radio station.
- Thank your partner for sharing their story with you. Share your interview on social media and tag @AAMCToday and @StoryCorps!



WHAT IS STORYCORPS?

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps has given people of all backgrounds and beliefs, in thousands of towns and cities in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. We preserve the recordings in our archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Today, it is the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered.