

Medical Student semi-structured interview questions

You have created and viewed a Digital Story and I'd like to find out a little bit from you about the process and what you think about the Family's story you saw. As you know, the Stories are aimed at smoothing the transition for an in-person meeting with your Time for Autism family and so that's what I'm interested in finding out about from your perspective.

1. What was your motivation for taking part in the project?

Prompts:

- a. Interest in autism / experience of autism?
- b. Had you heard of Digital Stories before taking part in this project?

2. Can you tell me about making and sharing your Digital Story?

Prompts:

- a. Were the guidelines helpful / how could they be improved?
- b. What technology did you use to make it/ how long to put it together?
- c. How did you feel about sharing your Digital Story?
- d. Do you think sharing your Story before you met the family helped? If so, in what way, if not why?
- e. Did the family mention the content of your Digital story?

3. What was your reaction when you watched [child's name] Digital Story?

Prompts:

- a. What did you learn about the child and the family?
- b. Were you surprised by anything?

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4. Having seen [child's name] family Story, what is your impression of whether or how this type of method could be helpful in supporting transitions for in-person meetings in healthcare settings?

Prompts:

- a. Better or worse than reading a written report about the child and family?
- b. In what context / setting do you think it would be helpful for someone to watch [child's name] family Story?
- c. As a way of accessing information about the child?
- d. As a way to increase professionals' understanding and empathy with autistic people and their families?

5. In what ways do you think watching [child's name] Digital Story helped with meeting the family?

Prompts:

- a. Do you think it made a difference?
- b. Were you more, or less nervous about meeting them?
- c. Did you talk about the content of the [child's name] Story when you met?
- d. Your partner didn't share a Digital Story with the family, do you think this mattered?

6. Having taken part in the Our Stories project could you imagine preparing and sharing a digital story about yourself in the future?

Prompts:

- a. In what context / settings could you imagine sharing Digital Stories being helpful?

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7. What do you think are the barriers for professionals creating and sharing Digital Stories?

Prompts:

- a. Professional identity
- b. Time pressures
- c. Understanding about how Digital Stories could be used
- d. Time for Autism students

8. What do you think of the idea of students making a Digital Story to share with the Time for Autism families in the future?

Prompts:

- a. How about families sharing Digital Stories?
- b. Your view on the reciprocity of both sides sharing stories.

9. Is there anything else you'd like to add that we haven't already covered?

Thank you 😊