



A nonprofit educational organization

Background

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The Student Doctor Network (SDN) is an organized community of health professionals and students from across the United States and around the world. Founded in 1999, SDN operates a website www.studentdoctor.net moderated by volunteer health professionals who are dedicated to providing students, residents and practitioners with free and unbiased information. SDN is published by the Coastal Research Group, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational organization founded in 1983.

The mission of SDN is to assist and encourage all students through the challenging and complicated healthcare education process. The membership includes most doctoral-level health fields, including the following:

- Audiology (AuD)
- Dental (DDS and DMD)
- Medical (MD–Allopathic and DO-Osteopathic)
- Optometry (OD)
- Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Podiatry (DPM)
- Psychology (PsyD and PhD)
- Rehabilitation Sciences (DPT,ODT)
- Veterinary (DVM)

More than 300,000 members make up the SDN community. The SDN Forums compose the heart of the site, consisting of over 11 million posts covering all areas of health care education and practice. A diverse membership base extends from high school students to practicing doctors.

To support the continuing education of our communities, SDN provides the following benefits:

- **Educational Articles:** A publishing schedule of 1-2x per week feature articles, provider interviews, applicant stories and expert tips.
- **Member Forums:** Community forums allow members to interact, give and receive information, advice and encouragement.

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- **Interview Feedback Database:** Driven by member survey responses, it provides detailed information on the interview process at health professional schools across the United States and Canada.
- **School Feedback Database:** The school feedback database allows current and former medical students to provide details on what it is like to be a student at their institution.
- **Test Prep Week:** Every year the community hosts a free online exhibition featuring products and services geared towards exam preparation, school admissions, and building clinical skills.
- **Free Classifieds:** Students and companies can post items for sale, housing, job opportunities and services, including an announcement board for nonprofits and student organizations.
- **Publications:** From the “Premed Secrets” CD-ROM to the popular *Medical School Admissions Guide*, SDN offers a range of publications for its communities.

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