

Becoming a Medical Professional:

Medical Student



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**What made me
choose medicine?**



Family Tree

Grandfather

Uncle

Aunt

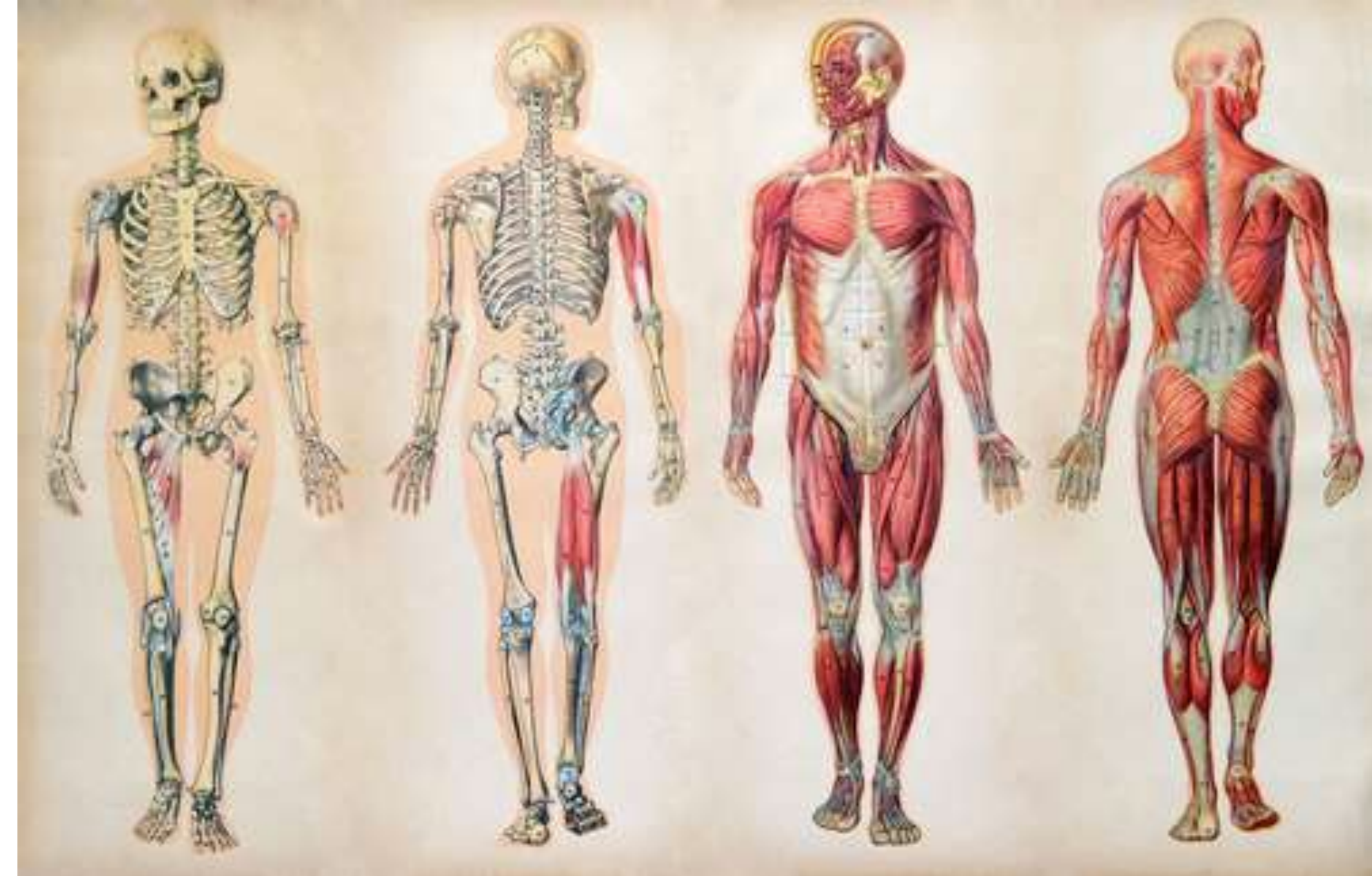
Cousins



Interests in school



How the human body works



How I got into Medicine

Competitive

Over 40 000 applicants
Less than 2000 spaces

Selection Criteria

- Grades
- National Benchmark Test
- Sports and Cultural activities
- Community service
- Ethnicity and Background



Where I Study

- Applied to Witswaterstrand (Wits) University and University of Cape Town (UCT)
- Currently study at Wits



UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG

How my degree works

Basic sciences	<p style="text-align: center;">1st year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physics - Chemistry - Psychology/Sociology - Animal and Plant Biology - Other 	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatomy - Physiology - Molecular Medicine - Other
Pre-clinical	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 overview blocks - Cardiovascular - Respiratory - Renal - Haematology 	<p style="text-align: center;">4th year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neurology - Musculoskeletal - Obs/Gyn - GIT - Elective
Clinical	<p style="text-align: center;">5th year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Medicine - Paediatrics - Obstetrics - Surgery - - 2 Mixed blocks 	<p style="text-align: center;">6th year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Medicine - Paediatrics - Surgery - Psychiatry - Gynocology - Public Health

Wits Graduate Entry Medical Program (GEMP)

- Similar to a pre-med system
- Undergrad + courses —> WAPT —> Enter 3rd year

After Medical School

(no you're still not done)

- In SA we don't go straight into a residency / specialised program
- 2 years general internship
- 1 year community service
- (Medical Officer)
- Residency
- Fellowship

**What has Med
School been like
for me?**



1st and 2nd year

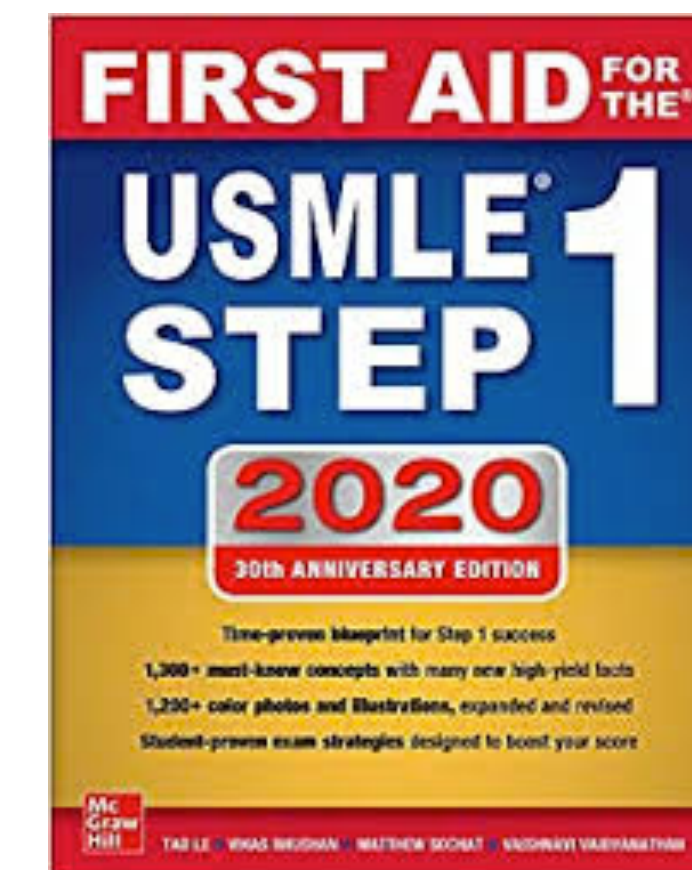
- Not what you should base your perception of medicine on
- Good for getting used to the workload
- Didn't really develop good study techniques
- Dissection

3rd and 4th year

- The real beginning of mt medical journey
- Started to get a feel for what I liked the most
- Developed a study strategy
- Surprised by the clinical aspects of medicine
- How COVID changed things

My Study Techniques

- Lecture Podcasts
- Drawings
- Osmosis videos
- Picmonic videos
- USMLE and other textbooks



This year...

- Open mind on what I like
- Speak to and learn from my patients
- Not be afraid to ask and act



Thank You!

