State of Medical Education Survey

A survey of 793 physicians and physicians-in-training

How long should medical school last?

- 64% said 4 years
- 24% said 3 years
- 8% said 5 years
- 2% current students/residents said < 3 years
- 1% current faculty said > 5 years

< 9% of US medical schools offer a 3-year program

Self-directed learning supported by faculty coaching supplies Ohio State medical students with the right knowledge at the right time across a 4-year program.

When should students start seeing patients?

- 56% first year of school
- 33% second year of school
- 72% first year of school said current residents/medical students (ages 18-34)
- 41% first year of school said survey respondents over the age of 65

The new LSI curriculum at Ohio State's College of Medicine has med students seeing patients during their first year.

The most important things to learn in medical school

1. Clinical problem solving
2. Learning how to acquire knowledge throughout the career/keeping up with medical discoveries
3. (TIE) Developing bedside manner AND learning how to work on a team
4. Technology training
5. Clinical research education

25% of those who had completed med school and thought that keeping up with discoveries in the field was the #1 most important skill

15% of medical students felt the same way.

Ohio State's College of Medicine redesigned program emphasizes clinical skills development in a team setting and how physicians can stay on top of changes in their field.