

Respiratory References

Respiratory Therapy Interview Guide

Part 1

Welcome

This guide is designed to help respiratory therapy students, interns, and new graduates prepare confidently for interviews. Focus on professionalism, communication, and patient safety.

How to Use This Guide

Study one section at a time. Practice answers aloud, personalize examples from your internship, and review clinical concepts before every interview.

Before the Interview

- Research the hospital and department.
- Review the job description.
- Prepare your CV, portfolio, and certificates.
- Plan transportation and arrive 15–20 minutes early.
- Wear professional attire and maintain confident body language.

Professional Appearance

Choose conservative professional clothing, maintain good grooming, use minimal fragrance, keep eye contact, smile naturally, and offer a confident greeting.

Tell Me About Yourself

What interviewers want: A concise professional introduction.

Structure: Present → Education/Internship → Key strengths → Why this role.

Example: 'I am a registered respiratory therapist with internship experience across ICU, ER, OR, Sleep Lab, and Pulmonary Function Testing. I enjoy working in multidisciplinary teams, value patient safety, and I'm eager to continue developing my clinical skills while contributing to high-quality respiratory care.'

Top HR Questions

Why did you choose Respiratory Therapy?

Tip: Answer honestly, use real examples, and connect your answer to patient care and teamwork.

What are your strengths?

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Describe a challenge during internship.

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How do you handle stress?

Tip: Answer honestly, use real examples, and connect your answer to patient care and teamwork.

Why do you want to work at this hospital?

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Interview Checklist

- CV printed
- Portfolio ready
- Certificates prepared
- Professional outfit
- Route confirmed
- Phone on silent
- Arrive early