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There's a ton of advice out there for job seekers, here's my round-up of "classic" interview advice that you can use to prepare for any job interview you may have.

DO:

- Research the dental practice or Staffing company
- Dress appropriately for the job you want, be neatly groomed, and dress relatively conservatively. Bring breath mints 😊
- Map out how to get to the location before the interview, and plan to arrive 15 minutes early.
- Be prepared to pay for parking
- Bring all requested paperwork with you to the interview including your resume, an application, three professional references, two forms of identification, copy of your certification/licensures.
- Be polite and cordial to the front desk
- Offer a firm handshake, make eye contact & smile when meeting someone
- Repeat the person's name to help you remember it.
- Approach the interview with enthusiasm
- Give detailed answers to questions with examples.
- Ask intelligent questions about the job, company & expectations
- Take notes to remember details
- Write a thank you note and send it within 24 hours of the interview.

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DON'T:

- Arrive stressed or late to your interview
- Dress too casually, too flamboyantly or in revealing clothing.
- Arrive smelling (too much perfume, cigarette smoke, etc.).
- Arrive unprepared
- Bring anyone else with you to the interview (a boyfriend, dog, parent ect.)
- Slouch, fidget, or yawn while being interviewed.
- Be aggressive.
- Be self-aggrandizing, insinuating that you are perfect and have zero flaws.
- Speak negatively about your former employer or coworkers
- Lie.
- Make excuses.
- Be afraid to ask for clarification if you don't understand a question.
- Answer every question with a simple "yes" or "no" answer.
- Bring up personal or family problems.
- Answer your cell phone, check messages, or text during an interview ☹
- Don't indicate that you intend the job to be a stepping stone
- Call immediately after the interview to find out if you got the job, or make repeated phone calls.

I hope these tips are useful and help you prepare for your future career.