



# Ahad Azimuddin

MD + MBA

Hometown: Houston, TX

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Undergraduate Degrees: BS in Biomedical Sciences, BS in Liberal Studies

## Why do you want to be a physician?

There are many reasons I want to become a physician. I find something that affirms my career choice nearly every day. Most recently, I hope to become a physician so that I may contribute to eliminating the most pressing problems facing healthcare in the near future: disparities in access to, and quality of, care. As a practicing physician, I play a vital role in ensuring that healthcare is accessible, equitable, and efficacious.

## Why did you choose Texas A&M College of Medicine?

I initially chose the Texas A&M College of Medicine because I felt that their core values of Loyalty, Integrity, Excellence, Leadership, Selfless Service, and Respect are vital in practicing as a healthcare professional. The many opportunities that Texas A&M provides, such as the MD+ program, a full breadth of student organizations, and the EnMed program, make it an attractive choice for anyone pursuing an innovation centered medical career. As a student, I realize that A&M not only holds incredible opportunities, but an incredible faculty, staff, and student body as well.

## Why did you choose to pursue a graduate degree in addition to the MD?

I chose to pursue an MBA to understand better the economic, financial, and institutional nuances of the healthcare industry. By being

able to speak both the languages of business and medicine, I hope to bridge gaps between the two. This expanded vocabulary will hopefully allow me to implement systemic quality improvements in medical access and care. Additionally, I hope to implement these improvements through innovative and creative solutions that come from taking an interdisciplinary approach to current healthcare challenges.

## What are your career goals and how do you feel the MD Plus Program will help you?

The beauty of the MD Plus Program is that it has expanded my career goals beyond what I had initially imagined at the beginning of medical school. I have realized that a physician can do so much more than practice. As a physician with an MBA, I can pursue a career in quality improvement in a hospital system. I could also invent and market an innovative device that makes a procedure more accessible. Or, I could develop a financial system that will make a hospital stay less costly for both the patient and provider. These are just a few of the many ideas I have come across while pursuing an interdisciplinary education. Ultimately, my career goal is to contribute to my community by doing any, or all, of the previously mentioned possibilities.