

Post Match Reporting
2022-2024 Match Cohort Data

Specialty: Dermatology
Number of Survey Respondents = 15
2022(33%), 2023(27%), 2024(40%)

Match year	Match cohort	% total cohort
2022	6	4.1%
2023	5	2.8%
2024	11	6.7%

	Mean	St Dev
Step 2	257.73	11.2

Which career resources did you use to make your career decisions?

Near Peers	13
Confidential/Specialty Advisors	11
UCSF Post Match Reports	8
Career Advising Website	7
Co-Directors of Career Advising Program, Drs. Brent Kobashi and Heather Whelan	6
Bridges Coaches	6
Specialty interest group-sponsored panels and presentations	6
Reddit	6
Participation in in-house and extramural electives	5
Other publications and web-based resources	4
Texas Star Dashboard	4
Doximity	4
Office of Career and Professional Development	3
AAMC Careers in Medicine Website	2
School-sponsored career planning workshops and courses	2

Other: Please describe

Frieda (the AMA residency thing). Talking to professors and physicians/residents on third year clerkships
 most helpful was Dr. Whelan, near peers and the internet
 People are most helpful always
 Residents & fellows

Did you review the list of programs to which you applied with a Specialty Advisor?

Yes 8
 No 5

Before ranking programs, did you review your rank list with a Specialty Advisor?

Yes 6
No 7

If not a Specialty Advisor, whom did you review your rank list with?

Faculty 9
Family 7
Outside mentor(s) 3
Partner/Spouse 7
Residents/Fellows 3

Other: Please describe

Friends, near peers
I mainly reviewed with my primary research mentor
Resident alumni
Peers applying to same speciality
Friends

Were you advised to do an away rotation by a specialty advisor?

Yes 2
No 11

**Who was your most effective career advisor for your specialty?
(number of multiple mentions)**

Daniel Butler 1
Ryan Arakaki 1
Kinade Shinkai 4
Erin Mathes 1
Tiffany Scharschmidt 1
Kelly Cordoro 1
Dr. Whelan 1
My research mentor 2
Research/Career Mentor (faculty in department of dermatology here at UCSF) 1
Wilson Liao 1
Near peers 1

If you were to do anything differently in the residency application process, what would that be?

dual apply

Do an away rotation and apply to more programs. Send signals out of state. Consider dual-applying given the competitiveness.

I dual applied (pediatrics/derm), which I am really happy about, but I wish I had applied to fewer pediatric

programs.

Be more strategic and open about post-interview communication and have done away rotations.

maybe not dual apply

Decide on my specialty choice earlier during the course of medical school

Get more advising from MD/PhD faculty in my speciality vs MD only. In the end (as an MD/PhD research applicant) the application process was quite different between the two, and the advice I got from clinician-scientists was much more applicable/accurate to my experience. The advice from MD-only track was much less useful, including from career advisors. I also felt that the career advisors mainly wanted to ensure that I matched (regardless of how/where) as opposed to listening to my specific goals (i.e., at some point on my list, I preferred not to match given my career goals, but the SOM did not respond very well to this, presumably because someone not makes their stats look bad)

Please provide any other information that might be helpful to UCSF students who will apply to your specialty choice in the future

there's very little rhyme or reason to this process, so it's hard to predict how you will do or where. Do what you can, but remember to find joy and to recognize not matching in dermatology is a possibility. plan accordingly, whatever that means to you

Apply to as many programs as you can afford and seek advice from students who have recently gone through the application process. Believe in yourself and remain humble.

Tap into network of near peers for applying to Derm 2+2 tracks, including current residents and former MSTP grads

- Get to know home faculty well (research, volunteerism, Grand Rounds, etc.)- Work hard, keep patient goals at the forefront of your mind and be kind to everyone

Don't go through it alone. Find a few faculty members that you trust and have a good relationship with and have regular meetings. There were times where I reviewed my timeline/plan with faculty and asked if they felt that I should be doing anything differently or focusing energy on anything else. If you feel that dual applying will give you peace of mind you should seriously consider it. It's a bit tricky and advisors may tell you not to, but you need to prioritize what will work for you.

It is very competitive and very important to stay realistic and get realistic feedback and advice. Use any advantage or network you can to increase your odds.

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Letters of recommendation are extremely important. I feel that this may be the most important. I also recommend doing away rotations if you are strong clinically/ easy to get along with.

If couples matching, try to talk to someone who has done it before (ideally in your specialty). Many of the non-communication rules don't apply to couples matching, regardless of what the career or specialty advisors might say.