

**Post Match Reporting**  
**2022-2024 Match Cohort Data**

**Specialty: Diagnostic Radiology**  
**Number of Survey Respondents = 10**  
**2022(30%), 2023(50%), 2024(20%)**

<b>Match year</b>	<b>Match cohort</b>	<b>% total cohort</b>
2022	5	3.4%
2023	7	3.9%
2024	3	1.8%

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>St Dev</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	254.20	11.31

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

Confidential/Specialty Advisors	10
Bridges Coaches	6
Reddit	5
Specialty interest group-sponsored panels and presentations	5
UCSF Post Match Reports	5
Doximity	4
Near Peers	3
Participation in in-house and extramural electives	3
AAMC Careers in Medicine Website	2
Career Advising Website	2
Other publications and web-based resources	2
Texas Star Dashboard	2
School-sponsored career planning workshops and courses	2
Co-Directors of Career Advising Program, Drs. Brent Kobashi and Heather Whelan	1

**Other: Please describe**

Faculty and students in those specialties were probably the most influential for me.

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

Yes 7  
 No 3

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

Yes 3  
 No 7

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

Faculty	5
Family	5
No one	1
Outside mentor(s)	1
Partner/Spouse	3
Residents/Fellows	2

**Other: Please describe**

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

Yes	0
No	10

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

Confidential advisor	1
Emma Webb	4
Maggie Chung	1
My PI	1
My research mentor	1

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

I would have applied to more programs and sought out opinions outside of the specialty advisors for my application.

Reached out to more advisors sooner. Wish I took rotations I was deciding between sooner in fourth year to rule in/out specialties.

I would have started preparing my application earlier in the summer (especially with regards to letters of recommendation).

Now knowing that step 2 scores play a much larger part in how residencies rank you than I anticipated, I would have taken more to study for this exam during 4th year. Also, I would spend more time on the supplemental app as the geographic/setting preferences proved to be quite important.

I received conflicting advice about signaling to the home institution in my specialty. One career advisor for my specialty told me not to and others suggested that I should. This was the first year that signaling was a part of the process in my specialty. It turns out that signaling is quite important in my specialty and I would highly recommend that advisers be on the same page about this. Regardless, I decided not to signal to my home institution. If I were to do it over again, I would have signaled.

get involved in research with more mentors earlier

Not tell a program they were my number one so early

Review my rank list with advisor.

Note that CA interviews come out later in the process so you can expect to interview late December to early February for most of them. Create a new email for ERAS so it's easy to sort through interview invite emails.

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

I would try to get in touch with near peers who applied to your specialty recently since they often have a better understanding of applying than the specialty advisors. I would also apply to more programs than you may think you need because you never know how the application season will go.

Reach out to advisors sooner. Know exactly what you need to apply to your specialty. If you are still undecided, Explore those rotations sooner rather than later.

I would recommend applying broadly to a large number of schools, especially if interviews continue to be in the virtual format.

Reach out to programs I'm especially interested in early on. Also, being involved in research is a great way to build strong mentorships.

It is often thought that radiology selects for people who like to work alone in a dark room in the basement of some hospital or in private practice. I would challenge that notion (as would many radiologists). It's truly a myth in modern practice. That's why in addition to clinical acumen, radiology programs are looking for people who can communicate, who are relatable, who act in a kind and friendly manner towards others. This is why I bring this up: your personal statement matters. How you weave your story into discovering a passion for imaging is very important to stand out from other very qualified applicants. How you communicate that story in an interview is just as important. The interviews are typically chill and people want to know you as a person. Basically, will you be a great colleague if an attending has to sit next to you for 4-8 hrs/day?

network network network. especially if you want to stay at UCSF. it can be hard to know how best to do this if you are coming into the specialty late in medical school though.

Matched to my last choice program despite receiving lots of feedback that I was a competitive candidate from internal and external sources. Make sure to check in with specialty advisor at every point along the way even if you feel like you are bothering them.

Reach out to your near peers! I found that the class above me had a lot of advice and tips because they are the closest temporally to the process. Get in touch with Dr. Cha if you haven't already around the application season to let her know you are applying (you can email to ask for any advice, etc., a meeting is just good for her to have you on her radar).