

Post Match Reporting
2022-2024 Match Cohort Data

Specialty: Ophthalmology
Number of Survey Respondents = 7
2022(43%), 2023(43%), 2024(14%)

Match year	Match cohort	% total cohort
2022	3	2.1%
2023	5	2.8%
2024	3	1.8%

	Mean	St Dev
Step 2	245.00	12.78

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

Confidential/Specialty Advisors	6
Bridges Coaches	5
Near Peers	5
Career Advising Website	3
Doximity	2
Reddit	2
Specialty interest group-sponsored panels and presentations	1
Participation in in-house and extramural electives	1
Co-Directors of Career Advising Program, Drs. Brent Kobashi and Heather Whelan	1

Other: Please describe

AAO match report and specialty information
Mentors within specialty field

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

Yes 6
No 1

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

Yes 5
No 2

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

Faculty	4
Family	4
Outside mentor(s)	1
Partner/Spouse	2
Residents/Fellows	2

Other: Please describe

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

Yes	0
No	7

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

Dr. Neeti Parikh	5
Drs. Bryan Winn	1
Matilda Chan	1
Madeline Yung	1

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

Different strategy for recommendation letters (more from the subspecialty of choice), more networking

Not stress so much about my personal statement, I don't think it made as much of a difference as I thought it would.

no

Contact programs before interviews were sent out expressing interest.

I would write letters of interest earlier, even before interview invites.

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

As Step 1 goes P/F and UCSF does not have grades for clinical rotations, your clinical letters of recommendation and research become much more important. Research can encompass a wide range of scholarly work, but you need to accomplish something (i.e. papers, presentations, some form of a finished project) AND to be able to speak about in depth (your involvement, impact of your work, etc.).

Apply very broadly! Practice answering interview questions with someone close to you (like a friend or family member) to help get into the groove of answering lots of questions back-to-back in a low pressure setting. Reach out to residents and near peers for advice as you get closer to the residency application cycle, especially for tips that would be specifically helpful for your specialty. Make sure to get letters from mentors who know you well AND who are well-connected in the field - it really makes a big difference (especially important in smaller fields like ophtho where people seem to all know each other!)

helpful

Talk to the confidential/specialty advisors as soon as possible.