

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

**Specialty: Pathology**  
**Number of Survey Respondents = 3**  
**2022(33%), 2023(33%), 2024(33%)**

<b>Match year</b>	<b>Match cohort</b>	<b>% total cohort</b>
2022	4	2.7%
2023	2	1.1%
2024	3	1.8%

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>St Dev</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	254.33	8.14

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

Confidential/Specialty Advisors	3	
Bridges Coaches	2	
Specialty interest group-sponsored panels and presentations	2	
UCSF Post Match Reports	1	
Co-Directors of Career Advising Program, Drs. Brent Kobashi and Heather Whelan		1
Doximity	1	
Near Peers	1	
Other publications and web-based resources	1	
Participation in in-house and extramural electives	1	
Reddit	1	

**Other: Please describe**

I found talking with residents, fellows, and attendings (non-advisors) in my specialties of interest to be useful in my decision-making process.

Pathology Student Interest Group and Pathology Department Faculty

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

Yes 3  
 No 0

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

Yes 2  
 No 1

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

Faculty	1
Family	2
Partner/Spouse	1
Residents/Fellows	1

**Other: Please describe**

Friends

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

Yes	0
No	3

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

Dr. Raga Ramachandra	3
Dr. Ron Balassanian	3
Dr. Marta Margeta	3
Dana Balitzer	1

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

Apply to less programs.

I'd recommend attending any resident event like the resident dinner/zoom the night before an interview, as these were the best way to learn about the culture of a program.

I would take several alternative steps if I were to apply to residency again:1. I would try and get a better sense of the strengths of programs. I essentially applied to programs and interviewed without knowing if programs were good in my areas of interest. For pathology, I wish that UCSF could help students determine different programs' strengths. I had to find all of this information on the Internet.2. For pathology, I applied to way too many programs. Many programs that I interviewed almost refused to interview me because they thought that I would never come to their program. Unless a student is interested in a specific pathology track (AP only, CP only, AP/NP) or has major red flags on their application, I would not recommend any student to apply to more than 15 programs. 3. For single-track pathology applicants, there seems to be a lot of unwritten rules in the match. It seems as though almost every program is operating outside the match to a certain extent. I wish that I would have received more guidance around this process.

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

Recommend applying to only 10

Applying to pathology from UCSF, you will be a very strong applicant. There is no need to apply to more than 10 programs. There is a high chance you will match at your #1 choice. Throughout interview season make sure you ask lots of questions and try to figure out where you would be happy as a resident. Interviews are usually pretty low-

stress, and half the interview they are usually trying to sell you on their program/give you a chance you ask questions. Talk to the career advisers (Ron, Raga, Marta) throughout the application process. They are incredibly helpful with putting together your application, deciding where to apply, preparing for interviews, and coming up with your rank list.

Please see my response to question 30 for recommendations regarding pathology. In summary:1. Unless a student is interested in a specific pathology track (AP only, CP only, AP/NP) or has major red flags on their application, I would not recommend any student to apply to more than 15 programs. 2. The most important thing an applicant can do to improve their application is to show a genuine interest in pathology. If you have a demonstrated interest going back at least a few months, you should be more than fine.3. There are many different tracks in pathology and distinct fellowship options. Programs have a huge variance in their offerings, so students should try and get a general idea of what they want and see if programs match their needs.