

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

**Specialty: Surgery**  
**Number of Survey Respondents = 18**  
**2022(39%), 2023(28%), 2024(33%)**

<b>Match year</b>	<b>Match cohort</b>	<b>% total cohort</b>
2022	12	8.2%
2023	7	3.9%
2024	9	5.5%

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>St Dev</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	251.89	11.34

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

Confidential/Specialty Advisors	17	
Bridges Coaches	15	
Near Peers	13	
Specialty interest group-sponsored panels and presentations	8	
UCSF Post Match Reports	7	
Texas Star Dashboard	5	
Participation in in-house and extramural electives	5	
Career Advising Website	5	
Co-Directors of Career Advising Program, Drs. Brent Kobashi and Heather Whelan		5
Doximity	5	
Reddit	4	
School-sponsored career planning workshops and courses	3	
AAMC Careers in Medicine Website	3	

**Other: Please describe**

Near peers and residents the most helpful of all

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

Yes 13  
 No 4

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

Yes 9  
 No 8

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

Faculty	13
Family	5
Outside mentor(s)	2
Partner/Spouse	9
Residents/Fellows	6

**Other: Please describe**

Peers

Dr. Roman is wonderful but it does feel a little inappropriate that the confidential advisor is married to the department chair (who factors heavily in residency decisions). It might make more sense if Dr. Roman were a non-confidential advisor and Dr. Kirkwood, for example, were confidential. Just a thought.

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

Yes	0
No	17

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

Andre Campbell	5
Doruk Ozgediz	1
Dr Roman	3
Dr. Matthew Lin	3
Dr. Wen Shen	1
Ian Soriano.	1
Peter Stock	1
Research mentor	2
Residents	1

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

School should tell students more about the process earlier on in the year (ex. April)

Prepare more for post-interview communication

Start talking to the Ms3 and MS4a class much earlier on about these issues! Often the official advising we got from the department came way too late (i.e. going over application basics the day ERAs was due)

Start writing personal statement earlier, start studying for board exams much sooner

I would take advantage of faculty offering to reach out to programs on my behalf.

I would review ERAS more carefully to make sure all things were squared away. Separately uploading and assigning

is not an intuitive process and was insufficiently covered. I might also apply more broadly. I didn't apply to certain programs based on reputation but reputations can lag 10 years or more, and I think I should have kept a more open mind.

I would do my own research to assess if I was a competitive applicant. I didn't feel like the career advisors were able to tell me if I was competitive or not. Otherwise, I wouldn't change anything.

More interview practice

I would do at least one away rotation. For general surgery, we were advised that we did not need to do any, which I feel was a mistake. This is evidenced by the relatively low amount of interviews that many of our general surgery applicants received.

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

Start your application early. Easiest to first update your CV since that will be all the info ERAS needs. Start personal statement early. Even if you hate it, get words down on paper and send to a mentor.

Be sure to reach out to interns or PGY-2s because often they are aware of which attendings/rotations are more geared towards getting you to meet the appropriate stakeholders that are plugged in academically around the country. This is not to say that you shouldn't do a rotation because of subspecialty interest per se but strictly re: getting a residency spot, all 4th year electives are not made equal.

Figure out the requirements of the application process as early as possible so you can plan out 4th year and think about which sub-I rotations to do, who you want to get a letter of recommendation from, etc. Also try to keep your CV updated.

Talk to as many residents and faculty in that field as possible. There are a lot of small details that the school of medicine or advisors may not mention or as an applicant you may not know what the right questions to ask. Meet with Dr. Sosa early and multiple times before applying.