

Post Match Reporting

2017/2018 Match Cohort* Data

Specialty: Pediatrics
N= 31 (10.0% match cohort)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation
Graduation year				
2017	16	51.6%		
2018	15	48.4%		
Three digit Step 1 score			233.2	21.3
MSPE Adjective:				
Outstanding	14	45.2%		
Superior	5	16.1%		
Excellent	11	35.5%		
Very Good	1	3.2%		
Good	0	0.0%		
AOA elected	8	25.8 %		
Applied to preliminary or transitional programs:	0	0.0%		
Other specialties applied to:				
Family Medicine				
Psychiatry				
Number of categorical programs applied to			17.4	14.3
Honors Received:				
Anesthesia	12	38.7%		
FCM	12	38.7%		
Internal Medicine	14	45.2%		
Neurology	13	41.9%		
Obstetrics/Gynecology	13	41.9%		
Pediatrics	18	58.1%		
Psychiatry	15	48.4%		
Surgery	16	51.6%		

*Match Cohort includes applicants who matched into this specialty via the regular match process.

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2017/2018 Survey Respondent Cohort Data

Specialty: Pediatrics

N= 20 (8.5% survey respondents)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
How many programs invited you to interview?			9.8	4.4	1	17
How many interviews did you accept?			8.4	3.5	1	15
Did you review your application with a career advisor before applying?	17	85.0%				
Before ranking programs, did you review your rank list with a career advisor?	6	30.0%				
Total Spent on Interviews						
\$0-\$500	3	15.0%				
\$501-\$1000	3	15.0%				
\$1001-\$2000	8	40.0%				
\$2001-\$3000	5	25.0%				
\$3001-\$4000	1	5.0%				
>\$4000	0	0.0%				
Did you complete a Pathway project?	5	25.0%				
Did you complete a research project in the field you matched?	10	50.0%				
Did you have a publication during medical school?	12	60.0%				

The field project was in:

Adolescent reproductive health

Autoimmunity

Brain development

Global Health + Neonatology

Malaria Immunology and transcriptomics

pediatric medical education

Pediatrics

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pediatrics

Pediatrics: prenatal stress and incidence of infant illness

Describe any publications:

Research that I had worked on prior to medical school, resulted in 2015 journal paper (third author)

Case Report, 2016 (fifth author)

1 accepted, 1 submitted

1 case report in pediatric dermatology that was published a month after match day (submitted at the time of applications) I had a pre-med school publication that was basic science and unrelated to my field.

1 co-first author publication in bioinformatics, 2 second author publications (one in immunology, one in bioinformatics), my master's thesis

1 first-author, 2 co-author publications, in basic science (immunology)

Peer review book chapter. Dissertation

Publications borne from my bench research during my gap years

Two first/co-first author papers on postnatal brainstem development (constituting the bulk of a PhD thesis), plus one contributing author paper on oligodendrogenesis.

**Who was your most effective career advisor in field matched?
(number of multiple mentions)**

Chris Stewart

Dan West (3)

Carol Miller

Lee Jones

Michele Long (2)

Tim Kelly (12)

What were your most useful career resources?

Career advisors

CV/resume review with career center

dan west, tim kelly

Lists of where prior UCSF grads had ended up over the last few years - this gave me a sense of the possibilities, as well as names of people to contact for their impressions.

My classmates - I had my classmates read over emails to program directors and Meeting with the specialty career advisors, especially Tim Kelly and Dan West

Margo Veneer's family medicine emails - really helpful because she said things like ""now is a time to start calling/emailing programs that haven't gotten back to you, here's a sample email"" and, ""now is the time when you can email your first choice program and let them know they are your first choice,"" and on Match Day she reminded in her email to thank the mentors who have helped us

Peer advising

post-match survey

Q&A with matched MS4's, individual advising meetings with department chairs, talking with classmates applying into pediatrics

Tim Kelly / recent UCSF graduates who went into peds

Tim Kelly was the person who really helped me make my application list. I talked to Dan West, which helped confirm my list. I was interested in going back to the East Coast, so I tried to ask about those programs whenever I worked with someone who came from the east coast. Frieda was useful for getting a lay of the land

Tim Kelly, recent graduates and Peds residents who applied to programs in a similar geographic area

If you had to do anything differently in the residency matching process, what would it be?

apply to fewer places (I dual applied into family med)

Discuss the process more with classmates, worry less about timing of interviews (early vs late in season doesn't seem to matter)

Don't know if I'd do anything differently, but it turns out that I need not have felt apprehensive about reaching out to programs, which I did twice, once to emphasize my interest in a program from whom I hadn't back yet

about an interview and once to work out some interview scheduling difficulties given conflict with another institution. I was pleasantly surprised by the positive responses to both.

Earlier Sub-I. I did mine from late August through mid-September, which made the process of submitting my application and collecting recommendation letters quite a bit more stressful.

Go to resident happy hours- don't feel like I met a ton of residents.

I would try to schedule a second look at my top 1-2 choices.

I'm one of the few people who should have applied more broadly. I wanted to stay on the west coast and I applied broadly to the competitive midwest and east coast programs (Cincinnati, CHOP, MassGen) and none of them interviewed me, but I think instead I should have applied to more, less heard of, programs on the west coast. For example I forgot about the Kaiser's and probably should have applied to them. Also I accidentally sent my personal statement with the OHSU "why you think OHSU would be a good fit for you" addendum to Mass Gen instead of OHSU, and only realized like 5 days after I submitted my application. I emailed both programs and reassigned the correct personal statements, and I got an interview from OHSU but not Mass Gen or the children's Boston, or CHOP, or Cincinnati so hard to know if it mattered.

It was at times difficult to navigate the application process when Dr. Kelly was both the 4th year advisor and a member of the intern selection committee.

Knowing what I know now (I had a pretty strong preference for large-ish, stand-alone children's hospitals that do a lot of research), I would have applied to many fewer programs. However, I didn't know I had that preference until I was half way through interview season, so couldn't have changed much up front. I went on a lot of interviews, which was expensive and exhausting, but I think I needed most of them to figure out what I wanted.

More pre interview support

Seek out more advisors not involved in intern selection process for Ucsf

Talk to residents and fellows more about their experiences with the institutions I was interviewing with

Write my thank-you notes by email instead of by hand, at least to folks at programs I'm not planning to rank highly.

Consolidate my interview travel so as to save money.

Is there any other information helpful to UCSF students who will apply to your specialty choice in the future?

Discuss how many programs to apply to with the specialty advisors- I was initially surprised by how low the number was, but it gave me the reassurance to apply regionally and only to programs I truly wanted to train at. Come up with a list of things that matter to you in a program that you can look back on when ranking, as programs can start blurring together. The confidential career advisors are helpful for discussing rank lists, though different advisors seem to have different levels of conservativeness when setting expectations.

Don't worry

Don't hesitate to talk to people about the process! There are a lot of great attendings, career advisors, and residents who are happy to share their thoughts, read your personal statement, give you application feedback, etc.

Get on Margo Veneer's email list, it was helpful for people who aren't applying into family medicine. A classmate and I met for coffee and practiced our interview responses with each other and gave each other feedback. It was helpful mostly just to practice getting our story down and literally saying the words that we should have prepared for the most common questions e.g. why are you going into peds, tell me about a challenging patient, tell me about some other challenge, etc. I wanted to ask for UCSF's help advocating to programs but we lost Tim Kelly and I wasn't sure how to email Dan West, who was away at a conference at th time and also the head of the pediatrics department without lowering my chances at UCSF. So I met with Michelle Long who helped me draft the following email: ""I have an important and timely question that normally I would ask Tim Kelly, but I understand he is out. Are you the person who can answer it?"" I have scheduled residency interviews at a few wonderful programs (UCSF, OHSU, CHO, UC Davis, Stanford, UCLA). There a few programs I have not heard from which are important to me (CHOP, UCSD). And I have been declined an interview at one place that is also important to me (Seattle Children's). I have heard from a few friends that the pediatrics department will sometimes advocate on applicants' behalf to help student get interviews at places that are important to them. What is our department's policy on advocating for students?

I was not sure who to email because I love UCSF and I would love to stay here, but I understand that due to the nature of the residency application and the match I should take an active role in this process. "" - Dan West responded that day saying ""We are always happy to help advocate. Could you make a list with contact email address and I will be happy to contact them on your behalf."" and I sent him a list of 3 programs. I also called the programs asking them simply if they had already filled all their interview slots and expressing my interest. UCSD took down my name when I called and then a few days later I got an email from interview broker I think on October 28th and at that point the ONLY interview open was October 31st. So if I had waited an extra day I wouldn't have been able to go because the program doesn't let you book later than like 3 business days ahead. So the moral is contact programs in the first half of October and ask for help BY mid October. One person who was couples matching whenever his partner got an interview somewhere he emailed that place saying that his partner was interviewing there and he had also applied and he got interviews that way too. (He was applying in the more competitive field, his partner was applying in the less competitive field).

Send a quick thank you email or thank you card to your letter writers and anyone else who expressed support and interest in your career! I've had many a time when the person I thanked said that my sincere thank you made their whole day.

I found it very helpful to have some flexible time (during a research rotation) in August to meet with career advisors and each of my letter writers in person. This takes some planning because it was helpful to provide a draft of my personal statement in advance especially to each letter writer.

If you are looking to leave CA, it's helpful to reach out to people on the east coast /find faculty from the east coast to talk about programs with. I didn't feel like being transparent that I was considering east coast programs (but might want to stay at UCSF) hurt me at all with advising/applying - I'm happy I was open about what I was thinking with Dan West and Tim Kelly. It was really helpful to talk to people who had just went through the process about the little details (e.g. how to ask for a letter, where to buy a suit etc).

Pediatricians are very friendly. Do not sweat about the interview process.

There's no substitute for seeing places firsthand - it's the only way to know if you would enjoy/admire the people you train with.

If, when applying, you are certain you wouldn't rank a program (i.e., not doing residency would be preferable to going there), then don't apply / interview. It's not fair to others who might want to go there, and also not worth your time or money.

Pre interview support and more information about different programs. Honest advising about likely match positions

Start reaching out to Pediatric faculty mentors early, so you can find someone who you trust and can turn to for all your questions. Also be sure to speak to interns and residents to get their inside scoop on programs to apply to and interview at.

Talk to your classmates and friends who have matched recently, they have the best advice.

Tim Kelly is a useful resource -- it's not ideal that he both leads intern recruitment for UCSF and is the fourth-year adviser, but I found him to be forthright and pretty helpful nonetheless.

If you apply to residencies on the East Coast, be prepared

We need more advisors who are not directly involved in Ucsf selection to have candid and trusted conversations.