

Post Match Reporting

2018/2019 Match Cohort Data

Specialty: Diagnostic Radiology
N= 9 (3.0% match cohort)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation
Graduation year				
2018	5	55.6%		
2019	4	44.4%		
Three digit Step 1 score			238.9	12.2
MSPE Adjective:				
Outstanding	1	11.1%		
Superior	4	44.4%		
Excellent	4	44.4%		
Very Good	0	0.0%		
Good	0	0.0%		
AOA elected	0	0.0 %		
Applied to preliminary or transitional programs:	9	100.0%		
Other specialties applied to:				
Internal Medicine				
Interventional Radiology - Integrated Surgery				
Number of categorical programs applied to			5.3	5.0
Honors Received:				
Anesthesia	4	44.4%		
FCM	4	44.4%		
Internal Medicine	1	11.1%		
Neurology	3	33.3%		
Obstetrics/Gynecology	2	22.2%		
Pediatrics	1	11.1%		
Psychiatry	3	33.3%		
Surgery	4	44.4%		

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2018/2019 Survey Respondent Cohort Data

Specialty: Diagnostic Radiology
N= 8 (3.5% survey respondents)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
How many programs invited you to interview?			19.5	6.4	11	32
How many interviews did you accept?			14.8	3.5	10	20
Did you review your application with a career advisor before applying?	6	75.0%				
Before ranking programs, did you review your rank list with a career advisor?	6	75.0%				
Total Spent on Interviews						
\$0-\$500	0	0.0%				
\$501-\$1000	0	0.0%				
\$1001-\$2000	0	0.0%				
\$2001-\$3000	1	12.5%				
\$3001-\$4000	4	50.0%				
>\$4000	1	12.5%				
Did you complete a Pathway project?	4	50.0%				
Did you complete a research project in the field you matched?	7	87.5%				
Did you have a publication during medical school?	7	87.5%				

The field project was in:

Radiology(5)

Interventional radiology, neurointerventional radiology, educational radiology

Pediatric radiology

Describe any publications:

Basic Science publication from work related to undergraduate laboratory experience.

Ptsd

Some co-authored non-radiology papers from undergrad. Some first author papers on various radiology topics.

Radiology project on pancreatic cancer with pathology correlations published in an oncology journal

Dermatology; Neurointerventional radiology; Interventional radiology; Medical education

Two were review articles where I was first author. In addition, I was a 5th author in a primary research article.

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

Emma Webb (7)

Mentors (2)

What were your most useful career resources?

UCSF Career/Professional Development Office for editing of CV and personal statement.

Reddit application spreadsheet, SDN Radiology thread

Deans (Dean Jones); Other mentors in the specialty (advise on programs)

Career advisors, Doximity, SDN, talking to current residents, talking to other applicants

Talk to prior UCSF grads who went to field of your choice. This is the most valuable resource you have. They were all very friendly and helpful.

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

I would have tried harder to publish radiology research while at UCSF. I was involved in multiple radiology research projects, but none of them were published while in my time at UCSF. Interviewers seemed to care more about these type of experiences than other "academic" experiences like posters/conference presentations, which I had a bunch of but was rarely asked about. As someone interested in IR, I found that most programs I interviewed at had ESIR and the distinction between DR/IR was quite soft, so it was definitely ok to indicate an interest in IR even while interviewing at DR programs.

Definitely practice your interview answers. Most programs will have similar questions (e.g. "Tell me about yourself" / "Tell me about your research" / etc). Put in the time to make your answers polished and it will

pay off in the end. Anticipate some weird behavioral questions. These weren't too common in radiology interviews though

Start sending emails of interest to programs earlier

Nothing, really. I would consider applying to fewer radiology programs, since I ultimately cancelled a few interviews, but I'd much rather apply to too many programs than too few.

Try to initiate talks with field adviser more frequently and ask their input more often.

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

Interviews are generally not technical and are more geared towards learning about you as a person. Having a robust answer for the question "Why Radiology?" is arguably the most important part of the interview process, because programs are aware that it is hard to get exposure to the field as a medical student.

If you're interested, get involved in research. There are many opportunities at UCSF. You will learn, build connections and the entire process can be both rewarding and fulfilling. It is also a great way to see if you'd rather do private practice in the future

Emma Webb great resource to talk to before contacting programs. Dean Jones was helpful in wording emails about ranking to programs that were ranked highly, but not #1

Talk openly with an advisor who knows you well, whose opinion you trust, and who knows a lot about residency programs and the application process. This can be really helpful to set expectations for applying and for getting an idea of how competitive of an applicant you are - which will then dictate how many and which programs you choose to apply to. Have multiple people review your personal statement and the entire rest of your application, both for content and for typos. Talk to an advisor about interviews (if, for example, you have to choose between two interviews that fall on the same day) and how to approach the interviews. Practice interviews with a friend, family member, or faculty. Or just practice answering questions out loud in the mirror (seems silly but it really helps). Take your time when creating your rank list. I created a list before I even started interviews, and I was constantly updating my rank list throughout the season. In the end, go where you want to go and where you think you'll get the best combination of happiness and quality training.

You will be a doctor, and radiology is a great field. Pat yourself in back for making this choice. You will get excellent training in most of the programs you will go to. Don't stress out much. Don't compare yourself with other people. Just enjoy the ride.