

Post Match Reporting

2018/2019 Match Cohort Data

Specialty: Ophthalmology
N= 4 (1.3% match cohort)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation
Graduation year				
2017	3	75.0%		
2018	1	25.0%		
2019	0	0.0%		
Three digit Step 1 score			242.0	12.5
MSPE Adjective:				
Outstanding	2	50.0%		
Superior	0	0.0%		
Excellent	1	25.0%		
Very Good	1	25.0%		
Good	0	0.0%		
AOA elected	1	25.0 %		
Applied to preliminary or transitional programs:	4	100.0%		
Other specialties applied to:				
Internal Medicine				
Surgery				
Number of categorical programs applied to			0.0	0.0
Honors Received:				
Anesthesia	3	75.0%		
FCM	1	25.0%		
Internal Medicine	2	50.0%		
Neurology	1	25.0%		
Obstetrics/Gynecology	2	50.0%		
Pediatrics	2	50.0%		
Psychiatry	3	75.0%		
Surgery	2	50.0%		

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2018/2019 Survey Respondent Cohort Data

Specialty: Ophthalmology
N= 4 (1.8% survey respondents)

Item	N	% of specialty cohort	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
How many programs invited you to interview?			17.0	12.1	9	35
How many interviews did you accept?			12.8	5.7	8	21
Did you review your application with a career advisor before applying?	3	75.0%				
Before ranking programs, did you review your rank list with a career advisor?	3	75.0%				
Total Spent on Interviews						
\$0-\$500	0	0.0%				
\$501-\$1000	0	0.0%				
\$1001-\$2000	2	50.0%				
\$2001-\$3000	0	0.0%				
\$3001-\$4000	1	25.0%				
>\$4000	0	0.0%				
Did you complete a Pathway project?	3	75.0%				
Did you complete a research project in the field you matched?	3	75.0%				
Did you have a publication during medical school?	2	50.0%				

The field project was in:

Retina and Cornea
Ophthalmology
ocular trauma, cataract surgery, new device study

Describe any publications:

4 in the field of ophthalmology (I'm a first author in one of the four) and 1 in clinical education

two in epi/ocular trauma using a large retrospective database, one prospective study in anxiety in cataract surgery, several papers on a new device for retinal surgery

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

Dr Jacque Duncan (3)
Dr. Han
Gerami Seitzman
previous students who matched in ophthalmology

What were your most useful career resources?

Dr Jacque Duncan, Dr. Gerami Seitzman, Dr. Alan Flach, Dr. Shan Lin

Speaking to my ophthalmology faculty and mentors including my LCE preceptor

University of Iowa Guide to the Ophthalmology match Studentdoc

iowa guide on matching in ophthalmology has literally everything you need to know, including timing, preparation for interview season, what happens on interviews, etc. It's a little long but extremely high-yield; previous students who matched in ophthalmology were also incredibly helpful in getting a sense of the timeline of the application process, don't be hesitant to reach out and set up a meeting/phone call

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

Take the elective during 3rd year, apply earlier, contact programs by phone early on.

Apply to less ophthalmology programs, however there were some who didn't apply to enough programs so it's hard to say in retrospect

decide on specialty earlier on, engage in meaningful research, more interview rehearsing out loud

If you're really interested in a program, reach out to them BEFORE the interview invites go out and let them know. programs love this and I wish I would have done this more. depending on how strong your application is, I disagree with the other advice-- I personally wouldn't apply to the recommended 60-70 programs because it's a complete waste of money. I applied to mid-40s and I still feel like that was too many

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

Get in touch with Dr. Duncan early on.

It is a tough and expensive process, but don't get discouraged! Reach out to your research mentors, Dr. Duncan, and medical students who just went through the process for guidance.

even if you think you MIGHT be interested in ophthalmology, get involved in at least one research project and know it super well for interviews (EVERY program asked about research and almost all the other applicants always felt the "research" interview room was the most difficult). PLEASE reach out to past students who have applied as we can give you great information about timeline, your application, what to expect from interviews, etc. read that iowa guide front to back. away rotations can be helpful if you want one particular place or if you are worried about the strength of your application but otherwise not necessary. unfortunately you really need to get a great boards score so make sure you are super serious about studying for that (it's easier to get a good score and decide not to do ophtho later than to not get a good score and try to apply that way). pick one ophtho faculty member to get to know really well so you can get a great recommendation