Post Match Reporting
2018-2020 Match Cohort Data

Specialty: Urology
Number of Survey Respondents = 8
2018(25%), 2019(37%), 2020(38%)

Match year | Match cohort | % total cohort
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2018 | 2 | 1.35 %
2019 | 4 | 2.50 %
2020 | 6 | 3.90 %

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At least one faculty member knew me both personally and professionally during the course of medical school.

- Strongly Agree: 2
- Agree: 1
- Disagree: 0
- Strongly Disagree: 0

If there was a faculty member who knew you both personally and professionally throughout medical school, please describe who that faculty member was and how they knew you.

Kent Olson (Emergency Medicine/Toxicology): JMP faculty mentor
Kirsten Greene (Urology): faculty advisor for urology applications

 lifetime mentor

helped me through personal difficulties during 4th year

Benjamin Breyer (Urology): faculty advisor

My PI Dr. Benjamin Breyer. We worked together throughout my 4 years of medical school. Our conversations when not working were as friends. We would joke around all the time. He invited me to his home to celebrate one of our co researchers. Another faculty member was my Coach Dr. Nilika Singhal who knew everything about me given the extent of our interactions. Lastly, Dr. Hobart Harris was someone who I worked with over multiple rotations who I began to develop a friendship with.

Marshall Stoller. He was one of my mentors during my research year.

How many categorical programs did you apply to?

- <= 5: 5
- 6 – 10: 0
- 11 – 20: 0
- 21+: 3
Did you apply to any advanced programs?

Yes 0
No 3

How many advanced program(s) did you apply to?

None

Which advanced program(s) did you apply to?

None

How many programs in your specialty (not including preliminary programs) invited you to interview?

<= 5 0
6 – 10 0
11 – 20 5
21+ 3

How many interviews in your specialty did you accept?

<= 5 0
6 – 10 0
11 – 20 8
21+ 0

Did you review the list of programs to which you applied with a designated Career Advisor?

Yes 6
No 2

Before ranking programs, did you review your rank list with a designated Career Advisor?

Yes 4
No 4

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

Residents 1
Did you enter the Couples Match through the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)?

Yes  0
No   8

Did you apply to preliminary and/or transitional PGY1 programs in addition to programs in your specialty?

Yes  0
No   8

How many PGY1 programs invited you to interview?

None

How many PGY1 program interviews did you accept?

None

Estimate the total amount you spent on interview trips.

2001 - 3000   3
3001 - 4000   2
4001 – 5000   0
5001 - 6000   1
6001 - 7000   2

Were you involved in a research project in your specialty?

Yes   8
No    0

Did you do any away rotation(s)?

Yes   8
No    0

List the institution(s) and specialty for your away rotation(s).

Cleveland Clinic, urology
Columbia University, University of Washington
Johns Hopkins urology
Northwestern

Stanford, University of Michigan

UCLA  Urology University of Michigan  Urology

University of Michigan and UCLA both for Urology

Vanderbilt University

**Do you have any publications since starting medical school?**

Yes  7
No     1

**How many publications do you have?**

| <= 5  | 2 |
| 6 – 10 | 4 |
| 11 – 20 | 1 |
| 21+   | 1 |

**Do you have any publications in the specialty you applied to since starting medical school?**

Yes  3
No     0

**How many specialty publications do you have?**

| <= 5  | 3 |
| 6+    | 0 |

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

Dr. Thomas Chi

Kirsten Greene (6)

Alan Shindel (2)

Anne Suskind

Hillary Copp

Benjamin Breyer (2)

Dr. Marshal Stoller
Dr. Peter Carroll

I would say that my most effective career advisor was Dr. Kirsten Greene who was the then program director at UCSF and is now the Chair at UVA. She was such a phenomenal resource for me and others. She was a straight shooter and told it how it is. She informed you on how to schedule your fourth year, gave recommendations on away rotations, helped me create my list of schools to apply to and so much more. Another phenomenal resource was Dr. Benjamin Breyer. If you are looking to get publications, that is absolutely one of the best resources for you as a medical student. Dr. Breyer is one of the friendliest and most helpful advisors I had at UCSF. I saw him more as my academic advisor and friend but also ran everything by him that I talked to Dr. Greene about. He too was a straight shooter and is really invested in your success. I don't know if I would've committed to Urology had I not worked with him. Lastly, a very notable mention to your classmates in your year and those who are residents now and UCSF's residents!

What were your most useful career resources?

AUA Forum and UCSF faculty

AUA google spreadsheets for Urology Match

The career specific resources I found useful are all of the folks that I listed as the effective career advisors. I would also say that the Urology match google document was also helpful in some ways. There can be some negativity on that group but there are also some gems. One of the helpful resources were the lists of all the interview dates for programs so that you can start strategizing and seeing what a mock schedule will look like if you got interviews at these programs as interview dates get snatched up faster than Dr. Meng can do a nephrectomy (that's really fast).

Urology match website

Dr. Kirsten Greene deserves special recognition for the lengths she goes for UCSF medical students interested in urology. She makes time to meet with every single student face to face and outlines exactly what they need to do to match. I met with her as an MS2, wrote down everything she said step 1&gt;230, do traditional clerkships and not an integrated clerkship program, honors in surgery, 3+ research papers in urology, honors in sub i, no more than one away rotation, and basically made that my guide for the next 3 years. She helped connect me to research mentors in urology whom i worked with for years, I ran the idea of taking a year off by her for her approval and she ended up writing me a great letter of recommendation, she helped me navigate the byzantine etiquette of the match and called programs i was interested in on my behalf. At all points, she gave honest, direct and actionable feedback. I was so lucky to have her guidance, as are all students applying in urology from UCSF.

Not in particular. Google spreadsheets specific to my specialty of interest come to mind.

Doximity, word of mouth from residents and fellow applicants

Developing relationships with attendings in urology will pay dividends throughout the process. For example, I was rejected from an away rotation, but my attending had a relationship with that institution and was able to get me a spot at that away rotation. They will also give you great career advice. Dont be shy to ask about research opportunities. Current residents/fellows talk to residents about programs they liked, research projects to get involved in, etc Other applicants/medical students use your network of current and past applicants at UCSF to get advice.
If you had to do anything differently in the residency matching process, what would it be?

Be more selective where I did away rotations. Do them at places where I really wanted to match.

Doing an away rotation in the Midwest or the South to increase chances of getting interviews from programs in that region.

Honestly, I don't think there really would've been much that I would've changed.

I would have applied to less programs but hindsight is 20/20, you really never know how many you will get.

Absolutely nothing

Apply to Away Sub Is earlier.

Apply to fewer programs

Try to do some research earlier on in medical school. If you do urologic research, thats great, but other stuff counts too. Do something creative and a little out of the box. A project/paper that you're passionate about and that you believe will have an impact will be more impressive than a couple papers that don't have much impact. Seek out mentors as early as possible (residents, more senior med students, attendings). These relationships will help you decide where you want to do away rotations, learn about research opportunities, and help you get strong letters of rec.

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

Talk to Dr. Greene early and use her for all the amazing resources she provides.

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Hopefully you find your way to urology early, but if you don't it's not the end of the world. Find a mentor asap! Typically the person you do research with can be an amazing mentor to you. Start doing research early so that you don't feel like you're rushed. You don't have to take a year off, but if you feel you need to go for it. I don't know anyone who's taken a year off and regretted it. Build connections within the department. Make your face recognizable. Work hard and good things will happen!

Nothing is more important than getting to know the urology faculty on a personal basis. Their letters will help you more than anything else. Urology is an extremely small field. Research is really important in urology and I would get involved as soon as you think you may be interested in the field. Choosing an away sub i is also really important and there is a strategy to it. I would get advice from Dr. Greene about this before you decide where to go. If you are interested, I would go to all the urology conferences you can make (i.e. grand rounds, peds dry rounds, sfgh urology case reports, etc). You have to get your face out there and show your interests.

#1 is talk to Dr. Greene and do exactly what she says and you will be fine. Another neat tip I received is that urology is a competitive field and because of the condensed interview schedule, many interview dates overlap. Thus, when interview invites, which are first come first serve, are released, the more desirable dates fill up in minutes. I got the tip to set up a separate email account for the match and downloaded an app called "if this then that" that would call me every time i got an email in the separate account. I think I was probably able to fit 4 5
additional interviews since I got the desirable dates first and didn't have to compulsively check my inbox all the time.

Apply to Away Sub Is early (be ready to go as soon as applications open). Get involved with research in the department and make sure people in the department know who you are!

Get involved in research early. Taking a research year was a great experience, and a great way to find mentors within the UCSF department.

Don't be afraid to do away rotations. I recommend doing two or three. Some people will say you only need to do one. However, the more away rotations you do, the more places you learn about, and the more places learn about you. I believe that I had the strongest chance of matching at the places I did sub Is at. I developed relationships and they know who I am, which goes far if you do well on your rotation. Sub Is are about being prepared and knowing the next step in clinical care, more than knowing the answers to pimping questions. When you are on your sub Is, make sure you are always giving your full attention. Never give the impression that you are tired, bored, or distracted. Always show up early. When you go on rounds, make sure you have necessary supplies to help the team, always be ready in the OR to help out with any task, and ask questions out of genuine interest and not just for the sake of asking. Letters of recommendation are crucial for your application especially since urology is a small field and name recognition is important. Make sure to develop relationships with the UCSF chair, the program director, and the associate program director. Dr. Peter Carroll will not be chair next year, but still develop a relationship with him because he is a great mentor, and he is respected everywhere. Identify a few other people that you would want to get letters from potentially (eg someone you are doing research with). Be open with them about your interests inside and outside of medicine.