Match 102

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Where are we?

• Meet at least one more time in Jan/Feb with peer-mentor group
• Match 102: January to discuss summer plans

• Speed dating: October 30
• M2 panel: January 16
• Research NIH opportunities: January 27
• Another Peer/Mentor group in the next few months
I am available to talk

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Using your summer

• Grades and scores are still top in getting a residency
• But research may give a student an edge in certain competitive specialties
• Going abroad for service (CIAO)
• Working or shadowing
• Or doing nothing: travel
Who in my experience wants to see research?

- Plastic surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Orthopedics
- Radiation Oncology
- Neurosurgery

- IN THOSE FIELDS!
Who in my experience, research will help?

• Urology
• General Surgery
• Radiology
• Anesthesiology

• In any field, like your summer experiences
Will research help the average/below-average student get into a competitive specialty?

• No
Will research help the average student get into a competitive specialty?

• Only exception I know of-

• Ophthalmology
Most research experiences

• Lead to abstracts
  – Presentations
  – Publications

• AOA poster session

• All good for the CV
But

• You haven’t yet taken Step 1

• So you don’t know the possibilities

• And research can only help regardless, will never hurt
Figure 1
All Specialties
Percentage of Programs Citing Each Factor in Selecting Applicants to Interview

- USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 score: 82%
- Letters of recommendation in the specialty: 81%
- Personal Statement: 77%
- Grades in required clerkships: 71%
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score: 70%
- Grades in clerkship in desired specialty: 69%
- Graduate of U.S. allopathic medical school: 69%
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE/Dean's Letter): 68%
- Class ranking/quartile: 67%
- Gaps in medical education: 67%
- Personal prior knowledge of the applicant: 63%
- Perceived commitment to specialty: 63%
- Honors in clinical clerkships: 62%
- Applicant was flagged with Match violation by the NRMP: 62%
- Volunteer/extracurricular experiences: 61%
- Other life experience: 61%
- Honors in clerkship in desired specialty: 61%
- Consistency of grades: 60%
- Audition elective/rotation within your department: 60%

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Figure GS-1
Percentage of Programs Citing Each Factor in Selecting Applicants to Interview

- USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 score: 84%
- Letters of recommendation in the specialty: 89%
- Personal Statement: 74%
- Grades in required clerkships: 78%
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score: 73%
- Grades in clerkship in desired specialty: 75%
- Graduate of U.S. allopathic medical school: 71%
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE/Dean's Letter): 63%
- Class ranking/quartile: 66%
- Gaps in medical education: 69%
- Personal prior knowledge of the applicant: 65%
- Perceived commitment to specialty: 56%
- Honors in clinical clerkships: 64%
- Applicant was flagged with Match violation by the NRMP: 59%
- Volunteer/extracurricular experiences: 65%
- Other life experience: 64%
- Honors in clerkship in desired specialty: 69%
- Consistency of grades: 64%
- Audition elective/rotation within your department: 59%

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Figure IM-1
Percentage of Programs Citing Each Factor in Selecting Applicants to Interview

- USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 score: 82%
- Letters of recommendation in the specialty: 72%
- Personal Statement: 65%
- Grades in required clerkships: 72%
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score: 76%
- Grades in clerkship in desired specialty: 66%
- Graduate of U.S. allopathic medical school: 67%
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE/Dean's Letter): 78%
- Class ranking/quartile: 74%
- Gaps in medical education: 65%
- Personal prior knowledge of the applicant: 62%
- Perceived commitment to specialty: 47%
- Honors in clinical clerkships: 60%
- Applicant was flagged with Match violation by the NRMP: 62%
- Volunteer/extracurricular experiences: 48%
- Other life experience: 52%
- Honors in clerkship in desired specialty: 57%
- Consistency of grades: 56%
- Audition elective/rotation within your department: 50%

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Figure OS-1
Percentage of Programs Citing Each Factor in Selecting Applicants to Interview

- USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 score: 69%
- Letters of recommendation in the specialty: 85%
- Personal Statement: 85%
- Grades in required clerkships: 78%
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score: 49%
- Grades in clerkship in desired specialty: 76%
- Graduate of U.S. allopathic medical school: 77%
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE/Dean's Letter): 83%
- Class ranking/quartile: 73%
- Gaps in medical education: 60%
- Personal prior knowledge of the applicant: 69%
- Perceived commitment to specialty: 64%
- Honors in clinical clerkships: 79%
- Applicant was flagged with Match violation by the NRMP: 50%
- Volunteer/extracurricular experiences: 77%
- Other life experience: 76%
- Honors in clerkship in desired specialty: 78%
- Consistency of grades: 68%
- Audition elective/rotation within your department: 78%

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What about a summer of service or international work

- Will help with some specialties or will help getting interviews at more prestigious programs
  - Medicine
  - Pediatrics
  - Ob-Gyn
What shouldn’t I bother with

• Shadowing- working with your local Urologist will not advance you at all (if you are getting paid for it and it lets you have a good summer, go for it)

• Unless you wish to shadow for career exploration- that’s fine.
So

• Look at the broader picture-
  – Resume building
  – Experiences
  – Acquiring new knowledge

Or look at the smaller picture
I need to something fun this summer OR
I need to chill

• All OK