Tips on Sub-Internships, Interviews, and the Match Process

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Sub-Internships

- Methodist Houston, TX
- Stanford Palo Alto, CA
- Mount Sinai New York, NY

Stanford University

Residency

Stanford



"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."



Sub-Internships

CHOOSING WISELY, EVEN WHEN YOU FEEL DESPERATE

Tips for Sub-Internship Success

Knowledge	 Carry a reference (Vascular Combat Manual) Have a repository for cumulative knowledge (notebook, Google Doc)
Skills	 Know how to close skin, instrument tie, basics of lines Perform competent wound care (wound vacs, dressings) Anticipate how to assist in the OR
Energy	 Live near the hospital in a comfortable, Wi-Fi enabled location Know where you can buy or make nutritious food Space your sub-internships with less strenuous rotations
Fit	 Have a one-liner to justify your interest Anticipate questions about your connection to the area, the institution Know the research interests of faculty and how they relate to your own



Interviews

HOW TO WEAR THE SAME SUIT FOR 2 MONTHS STRAIGHT

Interviewing Tips

Show Up

- Commit to realistic clusters of trips
- Plan ahead for bad weather and airports (O'Hare)
- TripIt an app that organizes your itinerary via email
- When disaster strikes, call ASAP

Look Good

- Have at least 1 suit, 2 shirts, and a business casual outfit
- Buy a portable hand steamer to de-wrinkle clothes

Feel Good

- Know the program's basics and values
- Have un-generic questions
- Pre-interview mixers: know when to go home



The Match

SUBMIT YOUR FUTURE TO THE ALGORITHM

Ranking Tips

- Everyone has an data-crunching method, but this is ultimately a value-driven decision.
- In retrospect, I underestimated the importance of proximity to *family and loved ones* during residency
- Show sincere love to your favorite programs with respect to ERAS rules
- Set it and forget it!



Thank You and Good Luck!



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