

**MILITARY**

Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

Advisor for Specialty (if you had one): Didn't have one

Did you use ERAS or SFMatch or Other: ERAS and Military(Army)

Number of programs applied to: 17(6 army) Was this number sufficient? Yes

Number of interviews attended for specialty: 5(2 army) Was this number sufficient? Yes

Interview season: July/2005 to Jan/2006

Typical structure of interview day: Breakfast, tours/interviews, dinner

Popular topics covered in the interviews: Why do you want to do ortho?, What should I know about you that makes you a good candidate? Can you handle long hours and little sleep?, Tell me a good joke., What are 3 important innovations in ortho in the past 20 years?, Tell me about compartment syndrome., What questions do you have for me?

Some difficult questions/unusual tasks (tying knots, etc.): Covered above

How did you prepare for your interviews? I didn't.

Did you do an away rotation in your specialty field? Yes Did you find this helpful as an applicant? Yes

Additional comments/advice: You won't usually need it, but take a CV and Personal statement and picture to each interview just in case. Make sure you get there in plenty of time and have good directions and know exactly where to go.

May future applicants in your specialty contact you for advice? Email: toddfeathers@aol.com.

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Specialty: Transitional Year before Flight Surgery with the AirForce

Did you use ERAS or SFMatch or Other: ERAS

Number of programs applied to: 22 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Number of interviews attended for specialty: 9 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Interview season: 12/10 to 2/1

Typical structure of interview day: Welcome>brief introduction to hospital/program> 1/2 group to interview and 1/2 on tour, then switch > lunch > final questions/debriefing

Popular topics covered in the interviews: Schedule and elective choice, patient population, the local city, what I was looking for in a program

How did you prepare for your interviews? Made a list of questions I wanted to ask residents and program director

Did you do an away rotation in your specialty field? No.

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