

NEUROLOGY

Specialty: Neurology

Did you use: ERAS or SFMatch or Other: SF match

Number of programs applied to: 7

Was this number sufficient? Yes

Number of interviews attended for specialty: 5

Was this number sufficient? Yes

Interview season (month/year): 11/05 to 12/05

Typical structure of interview day: Welcome/ Breakfast at ~7:30. Morning report from 8-9. Occasionally grand rounds from 9-10, otherwise information about the program and area from 9-10ish. Interviews usually started around 10 or 11, were ½ hour long, and ran up until lunch. After lunch, more interviews, followed by the hospital tour. Finally, a wrap-up session or wine and cheese hour usually around 3 or 4 o'clock. Most interview days were over by 4:30.

Popular topics covered in the interviews:

“Tell me about yourself.”

“Why do you want to be a neurologist?”

“Are you interested in research?”

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

“What question do you wish you had been asked, and what would your answer be?”

“Trace out the path of a cranial nerve.”

How did you prepare for your interviews? I read the residency program’s website thoroughly. I googled “residency interview tips”, and read some of the articles with info about what to wear, what not to wear and common interview questions. After I interviewed, I found a blog site by googling “neurology residency forum” that had some interesting info about programs and other’s experiences.

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

May future applicants in your specialty contact you for advice? Email: Sure, hdh001@jefferson.edu
