

PEDIATRICS

Specialty: Pediatrics

Advisor for Specialty (if you had one): Dr. Angela Allevi

Did you use ERAS or SFMatch or Other: ERAS

Number of programs applied to: 25 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Number of interviews attended for specialty: 16 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Interview season (month/year): 11/05 to 1/06

Typical structure of interview day: Welcome, Morning Report, Meeting with Program Director and or Chiefs with Overview of the Program, Interviews, Lunch, Tour, Q&A with interns/residents

Some difficult questions/unusual tasks (tying knots, etc.): 1) What were the 3 hardest times in your life and what did you learn from them 2) Name 3 people who you think are good examples of leaders and what traits make them so 3) Who would you run through a brick wall for and why?

How did you prepare for your interviews? Just read up on my CV and research

Did you do an away rotation in your specialty field? I did an away rotation in peds I.D. at CHOP. I found that this helped me figure out more about the program at CHOP, but I don't think it necessarily helped them get to know me better.

Additional comments/advice: For less competitive specialties, don't go on too many interviews. I went on 16 pediatric interviews and this was too much. I was very exhausted during the last couple of interviews and as a result, did not end up liking them as much.

May future applicants in your specialty contact you for advice? Yes. Email: kxg149@hotmail.com

Specialty: Pediatrics

Advisor for Specialty (if you had one): Dr. Keith Mann

Did you use ERAS or SFMatch or Other: ERAS

Number of programs applied to: 14 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Number of interviews attended for specialty: 7 Was this number sufficient? Yes

Interview season: 11/3 to 12/2

Typical structure of interview day: from AM, one hour of introduction, 2 interviews from 10a-noon, lunch, tour from 1-2p, wrapup at end

Popular topics covered in the interviews: patient population, feedback, most challenging ward experience, why the specialty

Some difficult questions/unusual tasks (tying knots, etc.): hell no, I did peds!

How did you prepare for your interviews? I thought of my most memorable ward experiences/patients, I reviewed my personal statement each time before the interview, I checked out the program residency webpage the night prior

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

Additional comments/advice: Dress professionally!! It's still quite hard for your uniqueness to shine through in interviews so I thought of three characteristics about myself or aspects of my personal philosophy that I wanted the interviewers/programs to know and managed to somehow work them into the interview

Specialty: Peds

Advisor for Specialty (if you had one):

Did you use ERAS or SFMatch or Other: ERAS

Number of programs applied to: 12 Was this number sufficient? Yes

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

Interview season (month/year): 11/05 to 2/06

Typical structure of interview day: Morning report, meet chiefs, intro to program, meet PD, tour, 1-3

faculty interviews, +/- resident interview

Popular topics covered in the interviews: What subspecialty I wanted to do, interesting things on my CV
Some difficult questions/unusual tasks (tying knots, etc.): One PD asked me why my 3rd year grades
weren't as good as my 1st/2nd years.

How did you prepare for your interviews? none

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