

# Urology Residency Advice and Timeline

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**Contact Dr. Yang early! Even** if you have not decided definitively on urology. She will discuss Urology, how to be a competitive applicant, and how to successfully match. **Competition for urology residency spots is very high.**

Opportunities for a career in Urology have never been better for both men and women (50% of applicants). Urology provides high career satisfaction. Some parameters to keep in mind include:

- **Grades and USMLE test scores are very important in Urology.** Most that are invited to interview at UC Davis have USMLE scores of 230 or above, 50% MS3 clinical clerkship honors grades, and 50% are AOA.
- **There are limited positions nationally, and about 25% of applicants fail to match.**
- **Urology is an early match requiring early application** with results in January.
- **Research is highly desirable:** most invited for interview have been involved in research/past publications.

**January/February: Meet with Dr. Yang!** Discuss the reality of your application and how to optimize it.(e.g. research opportunities) and how to best structure your 4<sup>th</sup> year, including which away rotations to consider. We will also cover logistics and review the timeline.

**July – ERAS, Personal Statement (PS), Curriculum Vitae (CV), and Letters of Recommendation (LORs):**

- Have your first draft of your PS and CV ready to review with your advisor by July 1<sup>st</sup> (usually via email, but if you're having a lot of trouble an in-person meeting may help)
- "Meet" with LOR writers by phone, email, or in-person (including both the PD and Chair)
- Email AND bring a hard copy of your PS, CV, transcript, and ERAS cover sheet to your writers

**August: Meet with your Specialty Advisor:** Review and finalize your ERAS application, PS, CV, and confirm LORs are in by Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. All ERAS elements should be in by 9/1 (to submit 9/15); Register for the Urology Match (AUA website)

**October 1st: MSPE released.** After this is when most programs roll out interview invites (although some will earlier). Strongly consider doing a Mock Interview by the end of October and discuss strategies for interviews

**November 2017 – January 3, 2018**

- Interview season – Make sure to be timely and professional with your responses to program, as the interview slots fill up quickly.
- All applicants and programs submit rank order lists to the Urology Residency Match Program. Meet with your advisor to discuss your rank order list.
- These preference lists must be submitted to the Urology Residency Match Program no later than January 3, 2018.

**January 19, 2018:** Email results are sent to, urology programs, applicants and medical schools.

**January 19, 2018 until the NRMP Deadline**

- If you match with a urology program, check to see if you must go through the formality of the NRMP Match for surgery training at that same institution. If appropriate, submit your ranking list to the NRMP with code provided.

**Resources:** For more information go to Freida at [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org) or contact our Program Coordinator Mireya Montelongo, [mmontelongo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mmontelongo@ucdavis.edu)