Block 1

You are being asked to participate in a survey study because you are a current plastic surgery resident in the United States. The purpose of this study is to understand the routes that current residents took in order to become plastic surgery residents.

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The study is a brief survey, and it will take about five minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous and voluntary. There is no benefit or risk to you through your participation. The results from the survey will be analyzed and may be published, but no personal information will be collected from you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, you may contact any of the researchers, or the Northwestern IRB (312-503-9338 or irb@northwestern.edu).

If you agree to participate in the study, please select “I agree” and you will continue to the survey. If you do not want to participate, select “I disagree” or exit your browser.

Thank you!

☐ I agree
☐ I disagree

Default Question Block

What type of medical school did you attend?

☐ Allopathic / MD (United States)
☐ Osteopathic / DO (United States)
☐ Medical school outside of the US
What is the ranking of your medical school, according to US News & World Report? (click here to see rankings)

- 1-20
- 21-40
- 41-60
- 61-80
- 81-100
- 101+

What year did you graduate from medical school?

- □

What type of plastic surgery residency program are you currently in?

- □ Integrated
- □ Independent

In relation to your medical school, where is your current training program located?

- □ Home institution (same as medical school)
- □ Institution in same geographic region as medical school
- □ Institution in different geographic region than medical school

In relation to your prior residency program, where is your current training program located?

- □ Home institution (same as prior residency program)
- □ Institution in same geographic region as prior residency program
- □ Institution in different geographic region than prior residency program
Please specify your current plastic surgery training program:

Please specify your training program:

What year are you in training?

Did you apply for an integrated plastic surgery residency position as a fourth-year medical student?

- Yes
- No

What year did you first enter the match?

Please enter the year you submitted your rank list. For example, if you submitted your rank list in the spring of 2018, select "2018".

To how many integrated plastic surgery programs did you:

- Apply?
- Interview?
Did you match into an integrated plastic surgery residency? (not via the Supplementary Offer and Acceptance Program, or SOAP)

- Yes
- No

Why did you not initially apply to an integrated plastic surgery residency program?

- I wanted a broader training experience before specializing in plastic surgery.
- I was not interested in plastic surgery at that time.
- I did not think I was competitive enough to match into integrated plastic surgery at that time.
- Other:

What specialty did you match into?

- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Urology
- Obstetrics / Gynecology
- Other:

When did you become interested in plastic surgery?

- Before PGY1
Did you complete the first residency you initially matched in?

- Yes, and I proceeded directly into an independent residency program / fellowship
- Yes, and I practiced as an attending before entering an independent residency program / fellowship
- No, I transferred into an integrated residency as a PGY2 or higher
- No, I left my first residency and re-matched as a PGY1 in integrated plastic surgery
- Other:

If you did not match to an integrated plastic surgery program, what did you do?

- Matched directly into a different specialty to which you dual-applied
- Participated in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) and matched into integrated plastic surgery
- Participated in the SOAP and matched into a different specialty
- Participated in the SOAP, matched into a preliminary surgery year, and re-entered the match the following year
- Graduated, did not enter the SOAP, and re-entered the match the following year
- Delayed graduation
- Other:

In relation to your medical school, where was your preliminary surgery program located?

- Home institution (medical school)
- Institution in same geographic region as medical school
When did you re-enter the match?

- The following cycle (i.e. delayed graduation one year)
- Two cycles later (i.e. skipped one cycle, delayed graduation two years)
- Three cycles later (i.e. skipped two cycles, delayed graduation three years)

What did you do during your time before reapplying? (select all that apply)

- Research
- Started a business
- Other work experience
- Pursued an additional degree
- Other: 

In relation to your current plastic surgery residency program, where did you do research? (Select all that apply)

- Home institution (same as current program)
- Institution in same geographic region as current program
- Institution in different geographic region than current program

What is the ranking of the institution where you did research, according to US News & World Report? (click here to see rankings)

If you were involved with research at multiple institutions, please select the ranking of your primary institution.

- 1-20
- 21-40
- 41-60
What kind of business?

What type of degree did you pursue before reapplying?

What type of work did you do before reapplying?

After reapplying, what specialty did you match into?

- Integrated Plastic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Urology
- Other:
- I did not match

61-80
81-100
101+
N/A - I did research outside of the US or at an institution without a medical school
When you reapplied, to how many integrated plastic surgery programs did you:

- Apply?  
- Interview?  
- Rank?

In relation to your preliminary surgery program, where is your current plastic surgery training program located?

- Home institution (same as preliminary surgery program)  
- Institution in same geographic region as preliminary surgery program  
- Institution in different geographic region than preliminary surgery program

What specialty did you match into?

- General Surgery  
- Neurosurgery  
- Orthopedic Surgery  
- Otolaryngology  
- Cardiothoracic Surgery  
- Urology  
- Other:

Did you complete the residency you matched into?

- Yes, and I proceeded directly into an independent residency program / fellowship  
- Yes, and I practiced as an attending before entering an independent residency program / fellowship  
- No, I transferred into a integrated residency as a PGY2 or higher  
- No, I left my first residency and re-matched as a PGY1 in integrated plastic surgery  
- Other:
In relation to the first residency you matched into and then transferred out of, where is your current plastic surgery training program located?

- Home institution (same as first residency)
- Institution in same geographic region as first residency
- Institution in different geographic region than first residency

How did you become a plastic surgery resident?


In your opinion, what were the most significant factors that led to your successful match into plastic surgery?


In your opinion, what were the most significant factors that led to your successful match into plastic surgery?


In your opinion, what were the factors that contributed to your initial unsuccessful match into an integrated plastic surgery program?


In your opinion, what were the most significant changes in your application that led to your successful match into an integrated plastic surgery program?

Any comments or thoughts on the route you took to plastic surgery residency? (Ex. positives, negatives, regrets, advice for medical students)