



Nailing the Fellowship Interview

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Overview

- Picking the right Surgical Fellowship Specialty
- Identifying the right programs.
- Setting up for the Interview
- The Interview
- Follow up



Pick the Right Surgical Fellowship

- Passion about the subject material
- Understanding the workflow
 - Control of schedule
 - Hours
 - Family Buy-in.
- Job Opportunities
- Choose for the right reason?



Identifying the Right Programs

- Prestige vs Personalities
- Clinical vs Research
- Geography
 - More likely to end up near your fellowship.
- Support Network

Preparing for the Interview

Differences between Residency and Fellowship Interviews

- Obviously more narrowed and focused.
- Small World
- Much more likely to be future colleagues.
- Interviewer are probably friends with other interviewers around the country.
- You hope to get a job afterwards.



Preparing for the Interview

- Zoom vs In-person
- Look up the faculty
- Guess which questions you might be asked.
 - Toughest rotation
 - Are you good technically?
 - Dealing with bad outcomes
 - Handling bad behavior of others.
 - Discuss your research
 - Explain Previous Publications
 - Write these questions down.
- Rehearsing your answers to common interview questions.
- Get a good night sleep

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Meet our faculty and learn about their areas of expertise.



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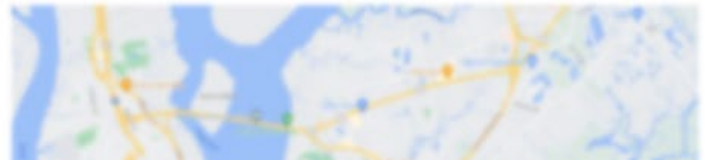
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WUW Surgeons Perform First WUW Heart Transplant in South Carolina




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Partial Heart Transplant Defines Feasibility, opening options for repair of critical congenital heart defects



Article text discussing the feasibility of partial heart transplants for congenital heart defects.

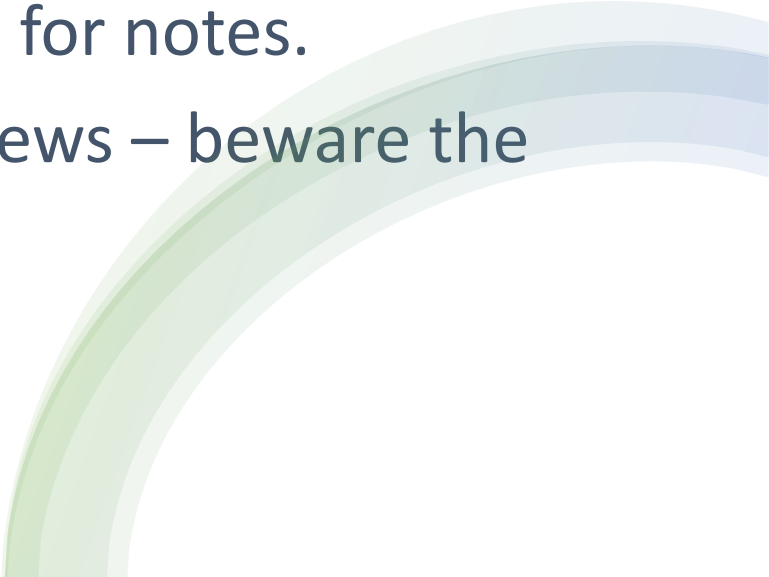


Put yourself in
Interviewer's Shoes

- Program Director Viewpoint
- Mid-level Attending Viewpoint
- Future Co-Fellows
- Physician Assistants




The Interview

- Balance Confidence against Arrogance
 - Show enthusiasm for the field.
 - Dress professionally
 - Pay attention to your own Zoom background
 - Center your zoom to the camera.
 - Leave desktop space for notes.
 - For in-person interviews – beware the “social” gatherings.
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Follow-up with Interviewers

- More important than the residency interview follow-up.
- Reminds them of your existence.
- Programs like to be liked.
- Do not fib.



Take Notes Immediately After Interviews

- Questions you did not answer well
- Follow with Interviewers about specific points.
- Pros and Cons.



Use your current
mentors.

- Your program director wants you to succeed.

- Coming out of Stanford, you are well-trained.
- We have a history of graduates doing well around the country.
- You have earned right to be honest with yourself.

Know that you are strong candidates

