

## **APPENDIX**

### **Survey**

1. What university do you currently attend?
2. Is urology your first-choice discipline for the upcoming residency match at this moment? (Yes/No/Still undecided)
3. In what year of medical school did you first decide to apply to urology? (Before medical school/1st year/2nd year/3rd year/4th year)
4. Do you have a parallel career plan along with urology? (Yes/No/Still undecided)
5. Were you already planning to apply to urology before doing your first elective in urology? (Yes/No/Don't remember)
6. What is the maximum total number of weeks of electives allowed by your university under its current policy?
7. What is the maximum number of weeks of electives in a single-entry discipline (like urology) allowed by your university's current policy?
8. By the end of medical school, how many weeks of urology electives will you have completed?
9. By the end of medical school, how many different urology programs will you have completed electives at?
10. By the end of medical school, how many weeks of electives will you have pursued in rotations other than urology? Note that vacation taken in place of an elective do not count towards this total.

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11. By the end of medical school, how many different institutions will you have pursued non-urology electives at? If you visited a site for both a urology elective and a non-urology elective, please count it towards this total. If you visited a site for a urology elective but did not visit the site for another elective rotation, please do not count it towards this total. If you attended the same site for multiple electives, please only count it once towards the total.

12. By the end of medical school, apart from urology, what other electives will you have pursued?

13. In the non-urology electives that you will have completed, rate the degree of importance the following reasons had in your decision to pursue them? (5-point Likert scale)

13A. To explore other fields of interest.

13B. To complement your urology application.

13C. To parallel plan.

13D. To do research.

13E. To gain additional clinical skills.

13F. Please describe other reasons/strategies for pursuing non-urology electives:

14. How many informal urology site visits have you done prior to the Urology Fair? This includes meeting with staff, attending program events, and shadowing at institutions, for example.

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15. How many urology programs not visited in the context of an elective or an informal site visit have you actively contacted?
16. How many urology programs did you apply to?
17. How many urology interview invitations did you receive in total?
18. How many urology interview invitations did you receive from non-visited programs?
19. How many non-urology programs did you apply to? If you applied to two different specialties at the same school (and that none of the two is urology), your answer would be 2.
20. How many non-urology interview invitations did you receive from visited programs?
21. How many non-urology interview invitations did you receive from non-visited programs?
22. To what degree do you agree with the following statement? (5-point Likert scale)
  - 22A. "My electives enabled me to seek clinical experiences in a wide variety of disciplines to broaden my knowledge in all fields of medicine."
  - 22B. "My electives allowed me to optimize my ability to engage in the increasingly competitive match process."
  - 22C. "I support the AFMC policy that limits the amount of elective time in a single discipline to 8 weeks?"
23. Do you have any additional comments, feedback, or questions?