SPECIALTY Orthopaedic Surgery

Medical School or Hospital University of California San Francisco, VA Hospital

1. How would you rate your overall experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good/ Excellent
   Excellent

2. How many hours did you work on average? Per day / Per week
   65

3. What were your daily duties? (Summarize)
   Bringing patient list and organizing medical supplies for wound dressing changes. Writing progress notes on some of the patients. Spent 3 days per week in the operating room. Spent 1.5 day per week in outpatient clinic. Spent 0.5 day per week in lecture. The medical student has a chance to get very involved in the OR on this rotation. Clinic is spent assisting the residents and normally presenting patients directly to them. Periodically, you will present a patient to the attending. Didactics were on the main campus for a morning each week. Each student is expected to give one case presentation before Grand Rounds. You will be expected to come up with a case while you are there. Work on this early with the residents you're with. The residents were very helpful in figuring out a case and also in organizing the talk. Weekends I was expected to come in a round with the junior resident. This usually took no more than 2 hours. There was no call at the VA, and overnight call at the county hospital was optional for me. At the most you would do one night.

4. Who did you work with the most? NP's/ PA's/ Interns/ Residents/ Fellows/ Attendings
   Residents

5. Which Attendings had the greatest influence on your education and experience? Dr. Hubert Kim, Dr. Alfred Kuo, Dr. Alexis Dang,

6. Did this rotation impact your interest in this program? How?
   Yes, it increased my interest in the program.

7. Did this rotation help you get an interview? I believe so.

8. Did you get a letter of recommendation? No
9. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? Met with the program director as an informal exit interview. I initially approached him about meeting with him early in my last week on the rotation.

10. How did you apply for the rotation? Did you use VSAS? VSAS

11. What month(s) was your rotation? September (third block of fourth year)

12. When did you apply? When did you get accepted? Applied in early May. Accepted in early June.

13. Were there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS recertification, LOR, etc.) This was a VA rotation, so it requires a lot of extra paperwork. You definitely need to find out ahead of time about the requirements.

14. Is Housing provided? If not, can you recommend housing options? No housing is provided. I stayed with a friend.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations? No parking provided.

16. Would you recommend this rotation to future students? If you are interested in west coast Orthopaedic residency programs, I would recommend this rotation.

17. Any other comments, suggestions or tips? If you feel comfortable, I would recommend trying to get a letter of recommendation from one of the faculty members while you are there.

18. OPTIONAL: Would you like to include your contact information?