

# Navigating the job search process

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- 1) What do you want to do?
- 2) Where do you want to do it?
- 3) How do you find positions?
- 4) How do you promote yourself?
- 5) How do you select programs?
- 6) How do you prepare for the interviews?
- 7) How do you sell yourself?



#### What do you want to do?

Academics vs Private Practice
Clinical vs bench research
Teaching, teaching scholarship
Medical administration
Industry



### Where do you want to do it?



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#### How do you find positions?

- 1) Journal ads
- 2) Notices at society meetings
- 3) Division Chief
- 4) Society newsletters/society offices







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### How do you promote yourself?

#### 1) Publish !

- 2) Present abstracts
- 3) Network at meetings
- 4) Get to know visiting professors
- 5) Ask faculty to help you



#### How do you select programs?

#### 1) Size

- 2) Stability (divisions, institution, dept)
- 3) References from your faculty
- 4) Are they training fellows aligned with your career goals
- 5) Productivity of faculty
- 6) (When possible—personality/spirit of program)



## How do you prepare for your interviews?

- 1) Study program
- 2) Know faculty, read their papers
- 3) Know what you want to do
- 4) Have a very well prepared talk
- 5) Never have typos in sildes or cv



#### How do you sell yourself?

- 1) Be very clear on your career goals
- 2) Have a clinical focus
- 3) Have questions their program that clearly demonstrate your careful prereview
- 4) Be able to articulate what you are looking for in a program
- 5) Use your knowledge of program to talk about how you will fit in
- Publish—writing is a habit, not-writing is also



#### Some axioms

- 1) Focus on the job not the benefits or workload, discuss those later.
- If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you've arrived.
- 3) Division chief/Dept chair instability leads to instability in divisions.
- 4) First class leaders recruit first class facultymediocre leaders don't recruit faculty better than themselves.
- 5) Make every program want you, so the final choice is yours.



#### Questions?



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