

Tips and Tricks for the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Application Process

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- 1. Use websites and network with other fellows to learn about interventional programs.
- 2. For programs participating in ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service), submit your application through the portal when the site opens in December.
- 3. Highlight what you are passionate about and communicate your goals in the personal statement.
- **4.** Keep an open line of communication with programs once you have been chosen for an interview.
- **5.** It is important to excel not only in technical aspects of catheterization, but pre- and post-procedure care.
- 6. Being recognized as a team player throughout your cardiovascular training is critical when being considered for interventional training.
- **7.** Give critical thought to exactly what you hope to do with your career: Coronary (CTO/CHIP), Endovascular, Structural, Research—you cannot do it all.
- **8.** Ensure that the programs that you are evaluating will give you the training you need in the area on which you hope to focus.
- 9. Seek out the fellows at the training programs that you are considering.

 They will be the best and most reliable source of information about the program.

