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So, you are looking for a job: Pearls for a successful first cardiothoracic job search

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Abstract

The final year of cardiothoracic surgery residency is an exciting time for most trainees because it marks the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication. However, it is not uncommon for trainees to also experience some degree of anxiety or uncertainty, particularly when it comes to understanding the necessary steps and finer details involved in seeking out and securing that much anticipated and well-deserved first job. This article explores the philosophy, strategy, and etiquette essential to navigating the various stages of one's initial job search, providing valuable information and perspective to those hoping to find a position that is best suited to one's skill set, needs, and long-term career goals.

Key Words

fellowship; residency; job application; negotiating; cardiac surgery; thoracic surgery; education

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AAMC, Association of American Medical Colleges; CV, curriculum vitae; MGMA, Medical Group Management Association; RVU, relative value unit

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