


Career Limiting Moves: Answers to the Questions You Were Afraid to Ask



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OVERVIEW

- Goal is to provide you with advice we received and our past experiences to help you steer clear of “Career Limiting Moves”
- Anything goes - this is your session and your time to ask the questions you haven’t asked yet

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SESSION STRUCTURE

- Moderator to ask panel submitted questions
- Participants can:
 - ❖ Come to microphone and ask question
 - ❖ Submit a question on note card
- Guidelines
 - ❖ Open forum
 - ❖ Be respectful
 - ❖ There are not any "dumb questions"




EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Midyear
 - ❖ If invited to a reception, how long should I stay, should I drink, who should I talk to?
 - ❖ How long should I visit with a program during the showcase?
- Applications
 - ❖ How many programs should I apply to?
 - ❖ Who should I ask to write my letters of recommendation?



EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Interviews
 - ❖ Should I turn down an interview?
 - ❖ It is appropriate to ask how many candidates will be interviewed by the program?
- Post-interview
 - ❖ Should I write individual thank you notes or one to a group?
 - ❖ How can I show that I am very interested in a program after I have interviewed?



PANELISTS

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 - ❖ Duke University Hospital
 - ❖ Durham, NC
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 - ❖ Assistant Professor
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PANELISTS

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 - ❖ PGY-1 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Resident
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DO'S

- **Separate yourself from your peers**
- **Know your CV inside and out**
- **Make sure to do your background research**
- **Do remember that you are always being watch**
- **Introduce yourself to the program RPD at the showcase**



DONT'S

- **Make a bad first impression**
- **Try to make a fashion statement**
- **Forget to have questions to ask interviewers**
- **Be a showcase stalker**
- **Take a month to send a thank you letter**

