Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What exactly is changing with the application?
On Tuesday, September 26, an improved look and feel is coming to the AMCAS application platform. We’ve updated the interface to ease navigation and to be more user-friendly. For more information about the changes and improvements, please visit the AMCAS homepage (http://ow.ly/35wj30eAL1q).

2. What isn’t changing?
The data you previously entered will remain the same. Also, the AMCAS application sections and questions will remain the same.

3. What does this change mean for my application?
When logging into your application on or after September 26, all previously entered data will populate into the updated interface. Even though the application looks different, you will be able to take the same actions in your application as you did before, such as adding a new school designation and generating letters of evaluation request forms.

4. Why is this transition happening in the middle of an application cycle?
This improved AMCAS application design uses an updated platform that better supports the AAMC’s priority to maintain a user-friendly environment for AMCAS applicants. The AAMC is making this transition at a time when most applicants have submitted their 2018 applications in order to minimize the number of applicants impacted.

5. Does the improved AMCAS application design request any new information from applicants?
No, and any information entered prior to September 26 will remain intact and will be transitioned to the improved application interface.

6. Will this affect my admissions process?
This application design improvement will not affect your AMCAS application processing or admissions process at your designated medical school(s).

7. Where can I find more information about this transition?
AMCAS staff have prepared an updated AMCAS Applicant Guide (formerly known as the AMCAS Instruction Manual) and video tutorials. You can find a link to the updated resources on the AMCAS homepage (http://ow.ly/35wj30eAL1q).