



Navigating the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School Tool for 2022 Cycle Applicants

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Important Reminders for the Admissions Process

Important Reminders

1. Follow school-specific policies and procedures: Review each school's application instructions, policies, deadlines, and requirements. We recommend visiting each school's admissions website, checking [Medical School Admission Requirements](#), and directly communicating with the schools where you applied to ensure you understand their specific instructions and procedures.

2. Review the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School tool information: Many schools use the [AMCAS Choose Your Medical School tool](#). On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, this tool becomes available within the AMCAS application to *applicants who receive an acceptance offer from a participating school*. You should use the tool at the direction of the school(s) to which you applied.

3. Understand Professionalism Expectations: The [Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants](#) are guiding principles for professional behavior during the application cycle. They are not intended to supersede the policies, timelines, or discretion of individual schools or programs. [Expectations of Professionalism During the Medical School Admissions Process](#) and [Tips from Admissions on Maintaining Professionalism Throughout Your Interview](#) also highlight areas of professionalism that medical schools are looking for from applicants.

Professionalism

Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

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Recommendations to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their AMCAS® application. These guidelines are not intended to supersede the policies, timelines, or discretion of individual schools or programs. Each applicant is expected to become familiar with the procedures and requirements of each school to which they apply.


The following steps are recommended to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their applications, and to protect schools and programs from having unfilled positions in their entering classes. These protocols are often referred to as “Traffic Rules” by admissions officers and prehealth advisors. Prospective applicants, their advisors, and admission staff at medical schools and programs should all be aware of these Application and Acceptance Protocols for applicants. An applicant's actions during the admissions process should be conducted in the spirit of professionalism and ethics expected of a future physician.

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<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school-amcas/application-and-acceptance-protocols-applicants>

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-  Several key admissions process dates fall on a weekend or holiday this cycle; therefore, their availability shifts to the next business day.

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The AAMC Premed Navigator Articles

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The Choose Your Medical School (CYMS) Tool and Admissions Decision Dashboard

Choose Your Medical School (CYMS) Tool

CYMS Action	Date	Applicant Decision	What Schools See
Plan to Enroll	February 22 – May 1	Applicants can continue to interview, hold current acceptance offers, receive additional acceptance offers, and remain on any waitlist at any other medical school	Aggregate applicant information
Protocol	April 15	Applicants should hold no more than three acceptances	
Protocol	May 2	Applicants should hold no more than one acceptance but can continue to hold waitlist positions	
Plan to Enroll	May 2	The same use for this option applies, however, applicants should not hold multiple acceptances but can remain on waitlists in accordance with the Protocols	Detailed, identifiable information about application selections
Commit to Enroll	May 2 – End of Cycle	Applicant is indicating they have made a final selection and withdrawn all other applications, including waitlist positions (note: selecting Commit to Enroll does not automatically withdraw applicants from other medical schools)	Detailed, identifiable information about application selections

[Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants](#)

CYMS Tool and Dashboard Demonstration

Admissions Decisions Glossary

Admission Decision	Description Text
Accepted	This medical school has reported an offer of acceptance to AMCAS.
Alternate List	This medical school has reported that you are on their Alternate List/Waitlist.
Applicant Deferred to Future Class	The date you are scheduled to start medical school has been delayed to the next admissions cycle.
Application No Longer Under Consideration	This medical school has not offered you a seat in their entering class.
Application Withdrawn After Acceptance	This medical school has communicated to AMCAS that you withdrew your application.
Enrolled in Pre-Matriculation Program	This medical school has enrolled you in a program that offers exposure to key aspects of first-year learning and eases the transition into the M.D. Program curriculum.
Matriculated	This medical school has reported you as matriculated in AMCAS.
Program Changes to Regular MD	The program type for this specific medical school application was changed to Regular MD from another program type.

Final Reminders and Resources

Important Reminders

- Applicants are encouraged to:
 - Review [Choose Your Medical School](#) information; the tool is not the primary means of communication between the applicant and the medical school
 - Follow school-specific policies and procedures for using the tool
 - Professionalism on the part of all stakeholders is critical for the tool's success
 - Become familiar with the [Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants](#), the guiding principles for professional behavior during the medical school application process

Resources

Choose Your Medical School:

- [Choose Your Medical School Website](#)
- [Choose Your Medical School Training Guide \(step-by-step instructions for how to use the tool\)](#)
- [Choose Your Medical School downloadable resource \(for applicants and advisors\)](#)

Professionalism:

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Questions and Answers