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Important Information about AMCAS's New *Choose Your Medical School* Tool for 2021

The AAMC has changed how it reports multiple accept information between medical schools. AMCAS will no longer share ANY joint acceptance or waitlist data between schools while the cycle is active. This change means that we will not have information about where you have applied or the status of your candidacy elsewhere unless you share it directly with us. In the past, multiple accept reports have assisted schools in projecting enrollment in order to avoid over- or under-subscribing their classes. **All schools are now depending on the professionalism and accurate reporting of applicants to help us fill our classes in a timely and efficient manner.**

There are two options in the new AMCAS *Choose Your Medical School* tool. We want to explain what they are, how schools will use them, and why you should make every effort to utilize these tools. **These tools become active on February 19, 2021** for any and all applicants with at least one acceptance.

Plan to Enroll (PTE)

This function should be used to indicate which school, among those from whom you have received offers, you plan to attend at the moment. **It will be made available February 19, 2021.** Even if you only have one option, you should utilize the PTE option in AMCAS. You may change this designation at any time. No specific information is shared with any school when you select this option until April 30, the nationwide deadline for choosing a school per the traffic rules. Between February 19 and April 30 we will only receive aggregate data of the number of offers we have extended, and the total number of PTE designations our school has received. This helps us know if we need to extend more interviews or more offers in order to fill our class.

You are free to use the PTE function for the duration of the cycle, until you are within the designated school-specific deadline for having to commit to only one school. **Please note that each medical school has a unique deadline.** After April 30 we will see whether you have selected PTE for our school or PTE "for another medical school." We will not be made aware of the name of the other school.

If you are holding a seat at a school, but your top choice is another school at which you are an alternate, you should indicate PTE for your current school. (Remember the PTE is your current intent based on current options.) However, you should actively reach out to the school where you are an alternate and express your interest and intent to matriculate if offered a seat. In our process, a letter of intent would be seen as intent to matriculate if offered a seat in the class.

Commit to Enroll (CTE)

This function will be made available on April 30, 2021, and this is the earliest date you will be allowed to make the CTE designation. **Only select this function if you...**

- 1) ...have withdrawn your candidacy completely (you may not be on any waitlists) from **ALL** other institutions to which you applied **including MD, DO, off shore, or TMSAS schools.**
- 2) ...are 100% sure about your decision to attend the school for which you are selecting CTE.
- 3) ...are 100% okay with AMCAS notifying all other schools to which you applied that you have indicated CTE at another medical school.

It is important to note that some schools, including Stritch, will automatically withdraw you upon receiving a notification that you have chosen the CTE designation and committed to another school.

We ask that you utilize the AMCAS PTE and CTE tools so that we can collectively ensure the best outcomes for all applicants in a timely and efficient manner. Your delay or failure to participate will mean that a future colleague may not know the fate of their application until much later or may miss an opportunity due to timing. Both schools and AMCAS will be sending periodic reminders.

Choose Your Medical School

Please select a medical school and indicate whether you plan or commit to enroll.

Select a Medical School

University of AMCAS School of Medicine

AMCAS University School of Medicine

New AMCAS School of Medicine

Plan to Enroll: This is the school I plan to attend in accordance with Applicant Protocol 9.

Commit to Enroll: I am declaring my commitment to matriculate to the medical school selected below. I have withdrawn my application from all other medical schools.

I understand the action I am taking and the information about my selection will be shared with the medical schools to which I applied.

Stritch School of Medicine Applicant Portal

In order to further manage our admissions process to avoid over- or under-subscribing our class, we have designed a more specific, dynamic acceptance portal for our applicants. We ask that you share information with us about your candidacy elsewhere if you feel comfortable doing so. We will NEVER share this information with another school, nor will we attempt to verify it, as school to school communication about applicant candidacies is now strictly prohibited per the updated AMCAS agreement. If you choose to share information with us, it will not impact your admission offer. You will NOT be penalized for sharing it or not sharing it. It is simply an act of applicant citizenship to share it – the information at the AMCAS level and school level becomes useful only if the majority of applicants participate. We will begin sending applicant portal update reminders on the 15th of each month, starting in October, until the class is set.

We would like to reiterate that our final decision deadline to indicate CTE within AMCAS is June 1. If we do not receive confirmation of your CTE indication by May 30, we will notify you via email. You will have 24 hours to respond to our notice. We will then withdraw your seat and offer it to another candidate.

Thank you for your professionalism and courtesy to us and your fellow applicants throughout the cycle.