

# The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine: Applicant Understanding of Acceptance Protocols

## The USD-SSOM Acceptance Protocol

The USD-SSOM follows the AAMC Application and Acceptance Protocols, including the new “Choose Your Medical School Tool” from AMCAS as specifically outlined below:

[ ] **February 19:** The “Choose Your Medical School Tool” program becomes available to those who have been offered an acceptance to USD-SSOM. Within this program, the “Plan to Enroll” option becomes available. USD-SSOM requires accepted students utilize this tool to assist us (and other medical schools) in ensuring we do not over– or under-fill our entering class. You will have until April 30 to indicate which one school (based on all your acceptance offers) you plan to enroll. It is important to note that you are not required to withdraw your application to any school in which you are an alternate or on a waitlist at this time. Prior to April 30, information shared with us about anticipated class size is de-identified, meaning we only know how many from those we have offered an acceptance plan to enroll. We will not know specifically who from our accepted applicants plan to enroll.

[ ] **April 15:** The AAMC Application and Acceptance Protocols asks accepted students to narrow offers to no more than three medical schools and to withdraw from those who do not make this cut-off list. USD-SSOM expects its accepted students to follow this protocol.

[ ] **April 30:** “Commit to Enroll” option for accepted students is now available. At this time, reports available to us from the “Choose Your Medical School Tool” will identify applicant name, whether or not you have chosen “Plan to Enroll”, whether or not you hold offers from other schools, and whether or not you hold alternate or waitlist status from other schools. If after April 30 we note that you actively hold more than one acceptance offer, expect to hear from us by phone and/or email. Better yet, be proactive in contacting us so that USD-SSOM can better understand the reasoning for holding more than one acceptance. Failure to respond to our attempts to contact you within 72 hours of our initial attempt could result in your acceptance being withdrawn by USD-SSOM. From April 30th to 21 days prior to our orientation, USD-SSOM will require accepted students utilize this tool when they are ready to commit to us and withdraw all other applications, including those schools in which you hold alternate or waitlist status.

[ ] **21 days prior to Orientation:** “Commit to Enroll” is required to matriculate to USD-SSOM. Failure to do so will result in USD-SSOM rescinding its admission offer.

[ ] **Application Withdrawal:** Withdrawal of an application can take place at any time during the application season. If you withdraw your application, we consider it final. To withdraw your application, please email the Office of Admissions at [md@usd.edu](mailto:md@usd.edu).