Goals Today

• Get you started
  ➢ Factors to consider
  ➢ Resources
  ➢ Case studies (not included on the handout)
The Process of Selecting

• 151 total U.S. medical schools
  How many schools to apply to?

• Campus visit after application

“I can’t distinguish between them.”

“What are the top medical schools?”

“I’ll just apply to a lot and decide after I’m accepted.”
Understanding Rankings

### 2019 Best Medical Schools

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Chapel Hill, NC |
| **#2** Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD | **#2** University of California—San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA |
| **#3** New York University (Langone)  
New York, NY | **#3** University of Washington  
Seattle, WA |
| Tie Stanford University  
Stanford, CA |

**Full Research Rankings »**  
**Full Primary Care Rankings »**

Students who dream of donning a white coat can explore separate rankings of the top medical schools for primary care and research. To produce the rankings, U.S. News collects data on student selectivity, faculty resources and more from both allopathic and osteopathic medical schools. See the methodology »
Criteria for U.S. News

• Assessment methods appropriate?*
  ➢ (30%) Reputation
    ➢ 15% med school deans and senior faculty rate academic quality
    ➢ 15% residency program directors select the 25 best med schools
    ➢ Response rate ~40-50%
  ➢ (40%) Research grants awarded
  ➢ (20%) Student selectivity
  ➢ (10%) Science/Clinical faculty to students ratio

• Real-life value?

*Academic Medicine, Vol. 76, No.10, October 2001
All Things Considered
Preclinical Years

• Teaching methods/Curriculum
  ➢ Traditional Lecture Teaching
  ➢ Problem- or Team-Based Learning
  ➢ Organ- and Systems based Curricula
  ➢ versus “traditional” Subject- and Discipline-based Curricula
  ➢ Pros and Cons of different curricula
  ➢ Many Med Schools are currently developing and implementing new Curricula

• Duration of “Pre-Clinical” years
Preclinical Years

- Classroom & Anatomy Lab Technology
- Simulation Labs
  - Medical mannequins
  - Standardized Patients (SPs)
- Grading System
  - Traditional
  - Pass/Fail
  - Narrative evaluation
  & Portfolio-based mentorship, goal-setting, and feedback/debriefing
  - Class ranking
Preclinical Years

- Curriculum
- Flexibility
- Clinical exposure
Clinical Years

- Most important factor
- Timing and choices (e.g., flexibility of rotation schedule, clinical electives)
- Diversity of patient population
- Number and diversity of affiliated hospitals in the U.S. and abroad
- Level of autonomy
Location
Cost

- Type of financial assistance
  - Loans, grants, state assistance, outside sources, merit scholarships
- Annual budget
- In-state vs out-of-state tuition
  - Interstate agreements (WWAMI)
  - Residency definitions: Vary by state
- Financial aid
- Learn more from school Financial Aid website and the MSAR
Gathering Information
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School Websites

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Continuous Innovation
How the Pritzker School of Medicine is helping redefine medical education.
Read More

NEWS ROUNDUP
March 20, 2015
2015 Match Results

March 3, 2015
A New Model for Ranking Medical Schools

Pritzker Pulse
A quarterly publication of the Pritzker School of Medicine

Winter 2015
- Dean's Corner
- The Coggeshall Lecture
- Interview with Ross Milner, MD
- Medical Education Day
- Medical Education Day 2014: Plenary Poster Presentation Excerpts

POPULAR LINKS
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HOW TO APPLY
CHECK APPLICATION STATUS

STUDENT PROFILES
School Websites

"At UCSF, our mission is to advance health worldwide, and we are attracting some of the nation’s best and brightest students to help us achieve that goal. One of the reasons our students come to UCSF is to work in a culture of discovery and innovation. They work closely with a wonderful community of faculty and help them solve important problems in healthcare today, in areas such as molecular medicine, clinical and translational research, medical education scholarship, and optimizing clinical care delivery."

–Catherine Lucey, MD, Vice Dean for Education

Primary-Care Focused

Before this medical school was created in 2000, the prevailing wisdom Research done in connection with the College of Medicine’s founding was that patients in this country were plentiful but were rapidly approaching retirement age, particularly had a severe shortage of physicians. In general, primary-care supply.

The principal focus of the College of Medicine is on meeting the primary needs of the elderly and other underserved populations.

We graduated our first class in 2005. Through 2010, more than 55 percent of our students had training in medicine, family medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics-gynecology.

The larger goal is to serve the underserved. In that sense, producing a family physician who will serve in Orlando. We strive to fill Florida’s need

About the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University

Since opening in 1909, Loma Linda University’s School of Medicine has been training skilled medical professionals with a commitment to Christian service. The school has always endeavored to combine the best medical science with caring, Christian compassion. Loma Linda students are trained in a context emphasizing the patient’s needs and preventive care to offset future disease.
• Purchase access to the MSAR website from the AAMC for $28.00 at https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/deciding-where-apply/medical-school-admission-requirements/
The MSAR includes entries for all U.S. medical schools.
### Mission Statement

The school seeks students who will be future leaders, have distinguished careers in clinical practice, teaching, research, and public service. The school strives to create an environment in which students prepare for a future where scientific knowledge, societal values and human needs are ever-changing.

### Application and Acceptance Summary

- **Primary application service**: AMCAS
- **Primary application can be submitted**: June 4, 2014
- **Primary application deadline**: November 1, 2014
- **Acceptance Notice - earliest date sent**: December 15, 2014
- **Acceptance Notice - latest date sent**: Until class is full
- **Maximum allowed time for an applicant's response to the offer**: Two weeks
- **Are Requests for Deferred Entrance Considered?**: Yes

### Percentage of Accepted Applicants with Relevant Medical, Volunteer and / or Research Experience

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*Note: An applicant's or matriculant's categorization of residency in the MSAR (Source: AAMC: Data Warehouse) may be considered differently by a medical school due to their individual institution's policies regarding residency.*
Selecting a School

Selecting Medical Schools workshops are held each spring in OCS. See the schedule.

- Selecting Medical Schools Workshop Handout (pdf)
- America's Best Medical Schools: A Critique of the U.S. News & World Report Rankings (pdf)
- Information about Requirements, Admissions, and Financial Aid Policies for 2015 Medical School Matriculation Prepared by Harvard College HPA
- Rural Medicine Programs (pdf)

- Information for Non U.S. Citizens or Non U.S. Permanent Residents
- Information for Canadian Students & Students Selecting Canadian Medical Schools
Finding Balance

Important considerations:

- Your state school(s) can be your best bet
- Residency definitions vary by state – contact med schools directly to learn more
- Don’t put any schools on the list just because you think you have a high chance of getting accepted
- The number of schools can range from 14 to 40 schools
- If you plan to be out of the country while applying, put together a longer list
- A good list has a good balance of very competitive schools, “match” or “target” schools, and less competitive schools
- There are no “safety schools”