Dear Advisors,

It is hard to believe, but the 2015 MCAT testing year is halfway complete! The new exam launched in April, there have already been five administrations, scores for April and May examinees have been released, and MCAT staff participated in each of the regional NAAHP Spring Meetings. The MCAT team also presented the new scales and scores to medical school admissions and diversity affairs officers at a recent professional development conference.

In a continued effort to keep you informed, you will find a list below of important updates as well as some things to look forward to during the rest of the year. We will be hosting a **Q&A session on Tuesday, July 21 from 3:30PM-4:00PM ET** to answer any questions you might have on the topics in this email or others. There will not be a formal presentation, so come ready with questions that you might have for the MCAT Team. You may also send us questions in advance to mcat2015@aamc.org. To attend, please **register**.

Do not forget to visit the MCAT Page on the Advisor Hub for additional information and updates.

**Updates from April-June**

• **Registrants and Examinees for 2015**
As of June, about 25,000 examinees have taken the MCAT exam and about 38,000 are registered to take the exam in July, August, and September. Approximately 13,000 tested in April and May. These examinees received their official scores before AMCAS sent the first verified applications to medical schools on July 1. Beginning with the June exam dates, examinees will receive their scores in the typical 30-35 days after their exam date. June scores are on target to be released on July 21. The official percentile ranks for the new exam are posted **online**.

• **2015 Admissions and Student Diversity Affairs Professional Development Conference Recap**
On June 18, the AAMC held a one-day session during the Admissions and Student Diversity Affairs Professional Development Conference in Miami that was dedicated to helping admissions and student diversity affairs officers learn how to use the new MCAT exam and scores in 2016 medical student selection. Participants used a number of new resources, including:

  • Using MCAT Data in 2016 Medical Student Selection
  • Interactive Score Report
  • Overview video of the new MCAT exam
  • Slide decks from the Admissions and Student Diversity Affairs Professional Development Conference.

While a number of these resources are designed for the admissions community, you and your colleagues are more than welcome to view them on the MCAT Page of the AAMC Admissions Hub.

• **Khan Academy MCAT Collection Update**
The MCAT collection in the Khan Academy includes more than 900 videos and 3,000 review questions that cover all the natural and social sciences content. In June, the Khan Academy staff and a number of your colleagues began developing videos for the Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills section. Eleven passages with questions are already available. Work on the Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills video tutorials will be complete in December 2015.
On the Horizon

• 2016 MCAT Testing Calendar
In 2016, we will return to a typical test administration schedule with test dates in January and April-September. Registration for 2016 will open in October 2015. More details about the exact calendar dates will be made available in September.

• Annual AAMC Fall Mailing to Pre-Health Professions Advisors
In September, the AAMC will be sending the annual mailing to pre-health professions advisors with information to help you prepare your students for the 2016 testing season. This year’s mailing will also include information about other AAMC pre-med programs and services, like AMCAS, FIRST, and SMDEP. Don’t forget to update your mailing address with NAAHP if you are a member, so we know where to send your packet!

• Test Preparation Resources
This fall, we will release two new preparation resources for students:

- AAMC MCAT Practice Exam (Scored) 1: The first full-length, 230 question practice exam that includes scaled scores for the new MCAT exam.
- AAMC MCAT Question Bank: A new preparation resource! This will be a bank of 300 questions that will emphasize biochemistry, psychology, and sociology disciplines.

These resources will be low cost and available through the Fee Assistance Program at no cost. They will also be available to advisors at a discount through Advisor Pricing.

The AAMC is also working on checklists and videos and that will help you conduct a mock-exam for your students if you are interested. These resources will be available in early August through the MCAT Page on the Advisor Hub.

As this newsletter and Q&A session marks the close our Q-UPP webinar series, we will continue to bring you our annual webinar in the fall with program and test preparation resource updates. The date and time of this webinar will be sent toward the end of the summer. In the meantime, you can always reach us through the advisor contact center at advisors@aamc.org or 202-828-0950.

Sincerely,
The MCAT Team