



2022 entry Latest news

Reserve lists

There has been a lot of applications to medicine this year. There was a 3.5% increase in applications this year (and that followed a 21% increase in 2021). The Government has not increased the number of places available to medical schools, and so this has resulted in many applicants not receiving an offer.

Medical schools have quotas for the numbers of students they can accept and cannot go over the quota. However, they want to fill every place. In order to fill their places, many medical schools use a 'wait list' or a 'reserve list'. Some students who have been interviewed and not made an offer may be asked if they can be contacted on A level results day. These are usually students who have narrowly missed a place. It is possible (but not guaranteed) that they will be made an offer if places become available. All medical schools use reserve lists differently but all applicants:

- Will receive correspondence to inform them they are on a list
- Are able to remove themselves from a list
- Should make sure their contact details are up to date.

Applicants may be on multiple medical school reserve lists. It is fine to be on several lists, and is confidential to the applicant. If a place become available and is offered to an applicant they will need to make a decision quickly, so they should consider beforehand where they would like to go if an offer comes through.

UCAS embargo deadlines still apply.

No offers in 2022 entry cycle

It can be really disappointing if a student has not received an offer. If students got an offer on their 5th choice then they should consider:

- Do they want to take the offer up, and then possibly move onto Graduate Entry Medicine after their 5th choice degree is completed
- Rejecting the offer, which would make them available for UCAS Extra and Clearing.

If not holding offers applicants can look in UCAS Extra. Some medical schools may offer places through UCAS Extra. Encourage your applicants to look both in UCAS Extra and on university websites.

After UCAS Extra closes in early July, then the applicant can look at Clearing as soon as it opens.

It is likely that some medical schools will have places available on A level results day. Most activity is likely to happen on this day and applicants are encouraged to check university websites to see if they have spaces available. If they do, then applicants should contact the university as soon as possible. Some medical schools with places will contact those that they have interviewed and who are on a reserve list.

If there are places available in Clearing, ensure applicants:

- Contact universities with medicine places available as soon as possible
- Have to hand:
 - UCAS ID
 - UCAT/BMAT results
 - GCSE results
 - A level results

Reapplication to medicine

Once the 2022 entry cycle is over, encourage your students to think about reapplication. There are a lot of reapplications to medicine and it is perfectly normal.

If a student achieves their grades for medicine on A level results day and wish to consider reapplication they can take a year out and reapply. During this year, they should:

- Undertake relevant work experience to develop their skills and attributes
- Retake UCAT and/or BMAT admissions test
- Reconsider medicine courses, check entry requirements and make a new application.

If a student did not achieve their A level grades and wish to consider reapplication they should consider resits. Not all medical schools accept resits but some do. Encourage your students to check the entry criteria carefully on individual medical school websites.

Some students may be eligible for adjustments or further consideration of their application through widening participation schemes, and it would be worth raising with the medical school if:

- Students have a disability or health condition, as they may be eligible for adjustments
- Students meet widening participation or bursary criteria, they may be eligible for an adjusted offer
- There were mitigating circumstances in the lead up and / or during the A level examinations.

Resit applicants should also consider their work experience, and retake the UCAT and/or BMAT. Applicants can also consider doing a different degree then applying for Graduate Entry Medicine (which is a four-year course), or consider other careers in healthcare. Some Graduate Entry Medicine courses do not look at GCSE or A-level results, they only look at degree classification.