

MD-PhD Traffic Rules

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Background

Admissions issues have been perennial discussion topics at our meeting

We all have to abide by the traffic rules for MD admissions, which do not consider the particular issues affecting MD-PhD admissions which in turn causes uncertainty about their relevance for MD-PhD admissions

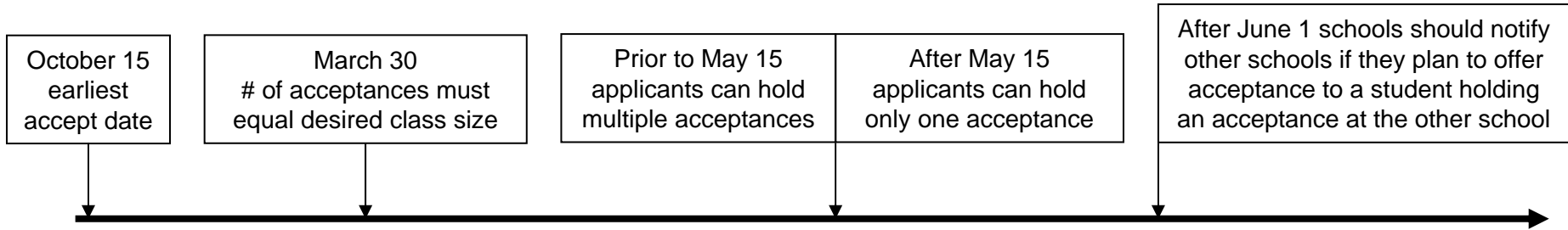
In the past, we tried to establish traffic rules for MD-PhD admissions, but failed, in part because we did not have a mechanism for enforcing the rules

Being part of AAMC, it may be time to revisit the topic

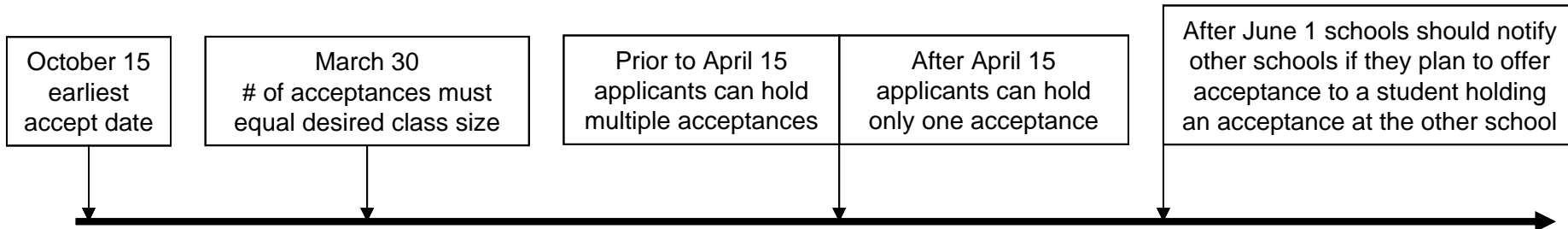
Current AAMC Traffic Rules for MD Applicants

(decision dates depend on when the students matriculate)

Timeline for admissions to medical schools with matriculation after July 30



Timeline for admissions to medical schools with matriculation on or before July 30



Medical schools or MD-PhD programs are listed as MD admissions

extended to students who have enrolled in, or begun orientation at, another school

Goals of Traffic Rules for MD-PhD Admissions

To have a single set of traffic rules that apply to both MD and MD-PhD admissions.

accept list, as opposed to being grouped together with the MD admissions.

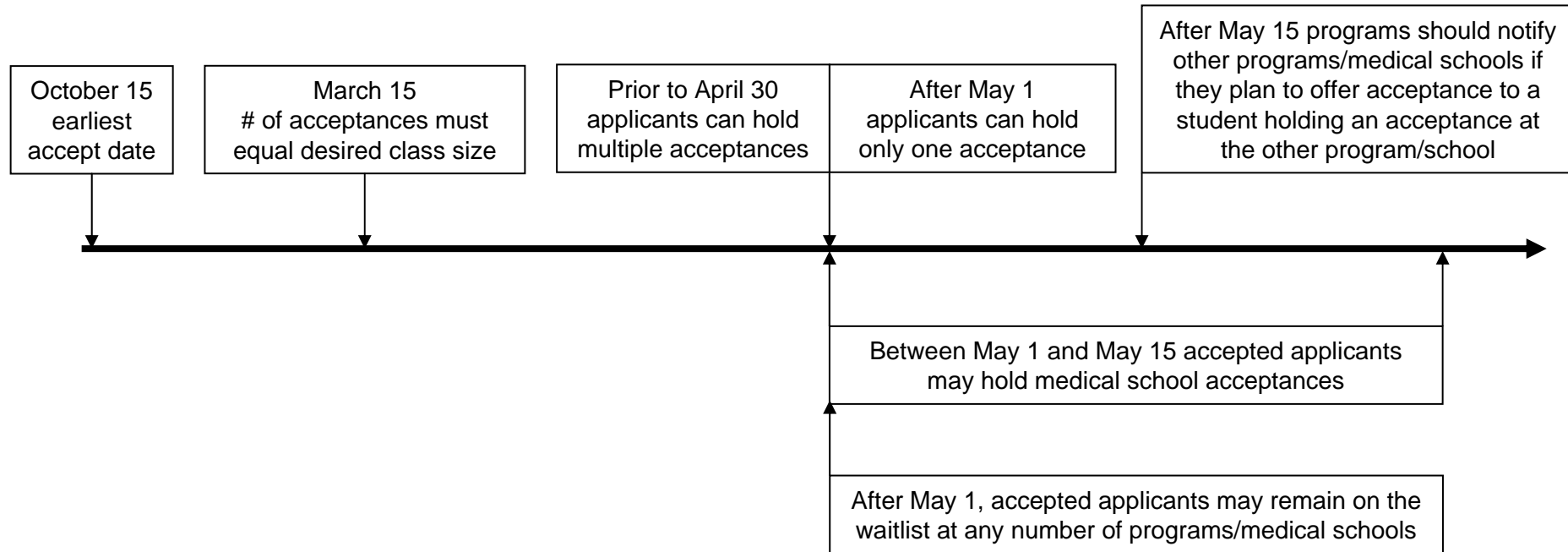
“issue a number of offers of acceptance at least equal to the expected number of students in its first-year entering class” by March 15 of the admissions year.

to MD-PhD programs, April 30 of the matriculation year, which also will serve to shorten the admissions process.

Proposed Traffic Rules for MD-PhD Applicants

(as a subset of a set of combined MD and MD-PhD Traffic Rules)
(only one set of dates)

Timeline for admissions to MD-PhD programs



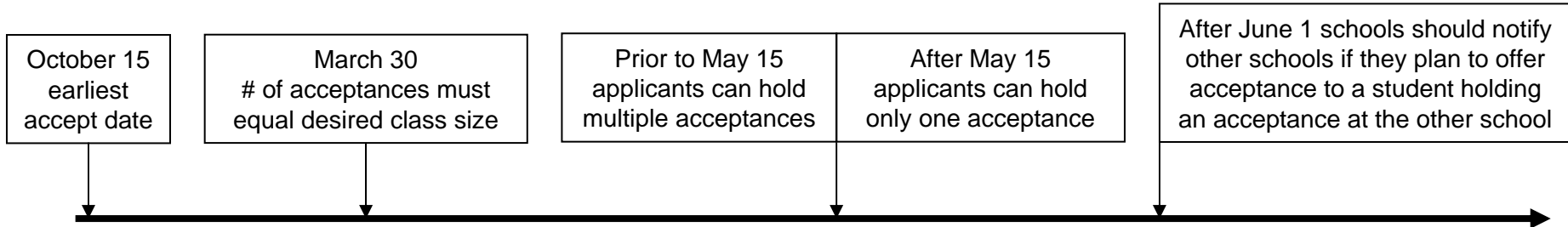
Acceptances to MD-PhD programs are listed as MD-PhD admissions on the multiple accept list

Offers cannot be extended to students who have enrolled in, or begun orientation at, another program or medical school

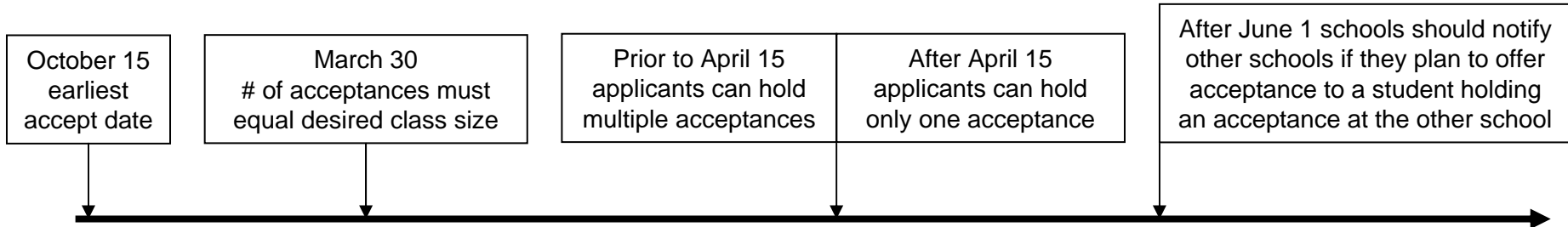
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If the traffic rules are adopted, Henry Sondheimer has agreed to accept this responsibility and help us to get the traffic rules to work.

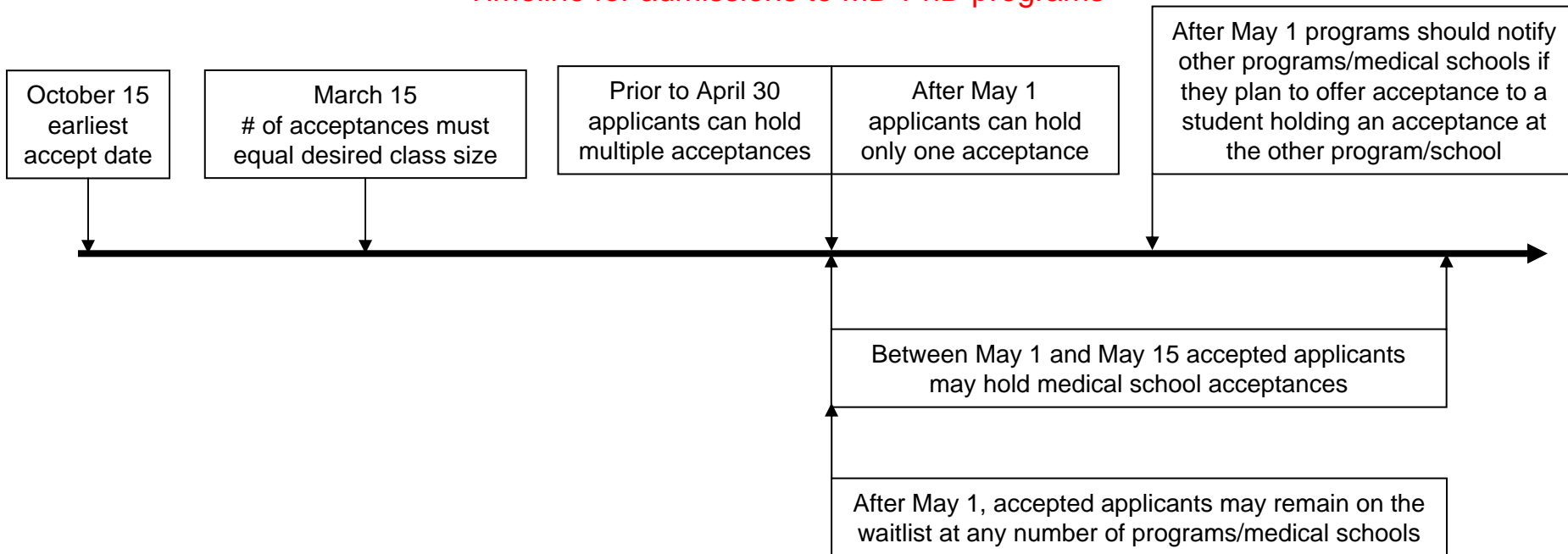
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Finally

The traffic rules allow MD-PhD applicants to hold more than one acceptance after May 1 if the programs that extended the offers agree to let the applicants do so!