

Part 11. Appendix A: Frequently Used Acronyms

A

AACOM	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
AACOMAS	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services
AACPM	American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
AAHE	American Association of Higher Education
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAVMC	American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACE	American Council on Education
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACT	American College Testing Program, Inc.
ADA	American Dental Association
ADAMHA	Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration
ADEA	American Dental Education Association
AERA	American Educational Research Association
AHA	American Heart Association
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHC	Association of Academic Health Centers
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALP	Alternative Loan Program, MEDLOANS, AAMC
AMA	American Medical Association
AMCAS	American Medical College Application Service, AAMC
AMSA	American Medical Student Association
AMWA	American Medical Women's Association
AOA	Alpha Omega Alpha
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
APHA	American Public Health Association

APDIM	Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine
APM	Association of Professors of Medicine
ASM	American Society for Microbiology
ASR	Additional Score Report (MCAT)
B	
BHP	Bureau of Health Professions
BRSG	Biomedical Research Support Grant, NIH
C	
CAS	Council of Academic Societies, AAMC
CAS	Common Application Service
CASE	Council for the Advancement and Support of Education
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS
CiM	Careers in Medicine, AAMC
CEEB	College Entrance Examination Board
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CME	Council on Medical Education, AMA
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies
COA	Committee on Admissions, GSA, AAMC
COD	Council of Deans, AAMC
CoGME	Council on Graduate Medical Education
COSA	Committee on Student Affairs, GSA, AAMC
COSFA	Committee on Student Financial Assistance, GSA, AAMC
COSR	Committee on Student Records, GSA, AAMC
COTH	Council of Teaching Hospitals, AAMC
CSE	Clinical Skills Examination, USMLE Step 2, NBME
D	
DDA	Division of Disadvantaged Assistance (formerly OHRO)
DMSA	Division of Medical School Affairs, AAMC
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
DRG	Division of Research Grants, NIH
DVA	Department of Veterans Affairs

E	
ED	Department of Education
EDP	Early Decision Program
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EFN	Exceptional Financial Need Scholarship Program
ERAS	Electronic Residency Application Service, AAMC
ETS	Educational Testing Service
F	
FADHPS	Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students Program
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems
FAP	Fee Assistant Program, AAMC
FAR	FindAResident, AAMC
FASHP	Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions
FBR	Foundation for Biomedical Research
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FLEX	Federation Licensing Examination
FMG	Foreign Medical Graduate
FMGEMS	Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc.
G	
GAPSFAS	Graduate and Professional School Financial Aid Service
GEA	Group on Educational Affairs, AAMC
GFP	Group on Faculty Practice, AAMC
GIA	Group on Institutional Advancement, AAMC
GIP	Group on Institutional Planning, AAMC
GIR	Group on Institutional Resources, AAMC
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GMENAC	Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee
GPEP	General Professional Education of the Physician and College Preparation for Medicine, AAMC
GQ	Graduation Questionnaire, AAMC
GRAND	Group on Research Advancement and Development, AAMC
GRE	Graduate Record Examination
GREAT	Graduate Research Education and Training Group, AAMC

GRR	Government Relations Representatives, AAMC
GSA	Group on Student Affairs, AAMC
GSA-MAS	Group on Student Affairs – Minority Affairs Section, AAMC
GSL	Guaranteed Student Loan (now the Federal Stafford Loan)

H

HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCOP	Health Careers Opportunity Program
HEA	Higher Education Act
HEAL	Health Education Assistance Loan
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HPEA	Health Professions Education Act
HPSL	Health Professions Student Loan Program
HPSP	Health Professions Scholarship Program, US Air Force, Army, Navy
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration

I

IME	Innovations in Medical Education, AAMC
IOM	Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences

J

JAMA	Journal of American Medical Association
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

L

LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education, AAMC and AMA
LDS	Loan for Disadvantaged Students

M

MARC	Minority Access to Research Careers Program, NIH
MAS	Minority Affairs Section, GSA, AAMC
MBRS	Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, NIH
MCAT	Medical College Admission Test, AAMC
MEDLARS	Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System

MEDLINE	On-Line MEDLARS
MEDLOANS	Comprehensive Medical Student Loan Program, AAMC
Med-MAR	Medical Minority Applicant Registry, AAMC
MEP	Management Education Program, AAMC
MODVOP	Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Optometry and Podiatry
MSAR	Medical School Admission Requirements, AAMC
MSOP	Medical School Objectives Project, AAMC
MSOUSMS	Minority Student Opportunities in United States Medical Schools, AAMC
MSQ	Matriculating Student Questionnaire, AAMC
MSPE	Medical Student Performance Evaluation (formerly the “Dean’s Letter”)
MSTP	Medical Scientist Training Program (M.D./Ph.D.), NIH

N

NAAHP	National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions
NACHRO	National Association of Children’s Hospitals & Related Organizations
NAMME	National Association of Minority Medical Educators
NAPH	National Association of Public Hospitals
NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners
NCCAM	National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH
NCI	National Cancer Institute, NIH
NCIH	National Council on International Health
NCMHD	National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH
NEI	National Eye Institute, NIH
NFME	National Fund for Medical Education
NHBLI	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute, NIH
NHGRI	National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH
NHSC	National Health Service Corps
NIA	National Institute on Aging, NIH
NIAAA	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH
NIDCD	National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, NIH

NIGMS	National Institute of General Medical Studies, NIH
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NLM	National Library of Medicine, NIH
NMA	National Medical Association
NMF	National Medical Fellowships
NRMP	National Resident Matching Program
NSF	National Science Foundation

O

OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ORR	Organization of Resident Representatives, AAMC
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSR	Organization of Student Representatives, AAMC

P

PAFAMS	Pan-American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools
PCOC	Primary Care Organizations Consortium
PDC	Professional Development Conference, AAMC
PGY 1,2...	Post-graduate Year 1,2, etc.
PharmCAS	Pharmacy College Application Service
PHS	Public Health Service
PMQ	Premedical Student Questionnaire, AAMC
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization

R

RIME	Research in Medical Education, AAMC
ROLIC	Rank Order List Input and Confirmation
RRC	Residency Review Committee
(R3) System	Registration, Ranking, and Results System, NRMP

S

SDS	Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students
SLMA	Student Loan Marketing Association (also called “Sallie Mae”)
SLS	Supplemental Loans for Students Program
SMAE	Simulated Minority Admissions Exercise
SMEP	Summer Medical Education Program, AAMC
SNMA	Student National Medical Association
SSL	Stafford Student Loan

T

TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
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U

USFMG	United States Citizen Graduate of a Foreign Medical School
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Examination, Steps 1, 2, and 3

V

VHA	Voluntary Hospitals of America
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VMCAS	Veterinary Medical College Application Service

W

WWAMI	A medical education partnership between the U of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho
WHO	World Health Organization
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education