

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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### The AAMC/AACOM Curriculum SCOPE Survey

The following are frequently asked questions related to the development of a joint curriculum data collection between the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM): the Curriculum SCOPE (Structure, Content, Organization, Process, Evaluation) Survey.

This document will continue to be updated as the AAMC receives new questions. To submit a question, please reach out to [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org). Questions are organized into the following categories:

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## About the Curriculum SCOPE Survey

### What is the purpose of the Curriculum SCOPE Survey?

Data from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey supports the AAMC and AACOM missions and advocacy work; informs medical school strategic plans and evidence-based curriculum decisions; and facilitates scholarship and dissemination.

### When does the next iteration of the survey open?

The next iteration of the survey corresponds to the 2024-2025 academic year and opens September 9, 2025.

### When does the survey close?

The 2024-2025 survey closes December 5, 2025.

## **Is participation in the survey required?**

No, participation in the survey is voluntary. The majority of AAMC and AACOM-member medical schools participate. Medical schools that participate in the survey receive custom reports as a benefit.

For DO-granting schools who do not participate in the Curriculum SCOPE Survey, they will instead need to complete the curriculum portion of the AACOM Annual Osteopathic Medical School Questionnaire (Annual Survey).

## **Which medical schools are eligible to participate in the survey?**

At this time, medical schools eligible to participate in the survey are limited to AAMC and AACOM-member medical schools in the United States and Canada.

In addition, participation is limited to medical school main campuses (i.e., not regional medical campuses).

Participation is limited to medical schools who have matriculated students for the academic year relevant to the survey.

## **What kinds of questions are on the survey?**

For the 2024-2025 iteration of the survey, sections include:

- Content topics in required and elective curriculum
- Topic In-Depth: Disabilities
- Method In-Depth: Group-based Learning
- Course structure and organization
- Specific curriculum approaches, such as pre-matriculant curriculum and sub-internship courses

## **What year of data does the survey collect?**

The 2025 survey collects data related to the 2024-2025 academic year, unless otherwise specified in individual questions.

## **Does the survey collect data about the required curriculum and the elective or optional curriculum?**

Most survey questions relate to the required curriculum, unless otherwise specified in individual questions.

## **Does the survey collect undergraduate, graduate, or continuing medical education content?**

Most survey questions relate to the undergraduate medical education curriculum, unless otherwise specified in individual questions.

## **Should new medical schools that have not yet matriculated students complete the survey?**

No. As the survey collects the past academic year's curriculum for most questions, medical schools that have not yet matriculated a class of students may defer participation in the survey till they have enacted curriculum to report.

However, new AAMC and AACOM-member medical schools who have not yet matriculated students may still be eligible to receive aggregate statistics from the survey to guide their curriculum development.

## **What question formats are on the survey?**

Many of the questions are radio button/multiple choice checkboxes. Open-text responses are used sparingly and strategically to ensure ease of use of the survey data; the main use of open-text responses are follow-up descriptions (e.g., "Please describe ...."), or to provide explanations if an "other" selection was made in a multiple-choice question.

## **How much detail is expected for open-text questions?**

The expectation is that responses for open-text questions (e.g., "Describe your medical school's parallel curriculum track(s), including the specific focus (e.g., research, primary care, leadership)."), the written response is *as brief as possible* to answer the question prompt. If there is a word or character count limit, it is noted in the instructions for each question as relevant. Generally, short answer responses are limited to 250 characters.

## **Where can I view the survey?**

A sample of the survey is available on the [virtual Curriculum Community](#). This is a confidential document. It is not to be shared, except with your medical school faculty and staff to prepare your submission.

## **How can I access the SCOPE resources on the virtual Curriculum Community?**

If you haven't already, visit our website to [register for virtual community account](#). (This account is separate from your AAMC account). Once you register for an account and are a member of the virtual community, you will be able to [navigate to the library](#). Within the library there is a pinned "SCOPE survey" folder. You will find all the latest resources for the survey there.

## **Some of the questions in the survey seem like those in other collection instruments. Why?**

Some questions on the Curriculum SCOPE Survey may seem like information contained in the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Annual Medical School Questionnaire Part II, or the LCME Data Collection Instrument (DCI).

In these cases, questions are included in the survey despite the similarity because:

- While some questions may be similar, they are not the same. For example, both the Curriculum SCOPE Survey and the LCME Part II include topic lists; however, the list of topics may differ, and the Curriculum SCOPE Survey collects additional detail.
- The Curriculum SCOPE Survey includes data from U.S.MD-granting medical schools, Canadian MD-granting medical schools, and DO-granting medical schools, whereas the LCME Part II collects data from U.S. MD-granting schools.
- The Curriculum SCOPE Survey allows for filterable, benchmarkable data for school reports.

## **How was the survey name created?**

The acronym SCOPE (Structure, Content, Organization, Process, Evaluation) was developed after considering the multiple facets of curriculum in the survey. The word curriculum may connote content for some, but others may consider the word curriculum more broadly.

## **How were the survey questions and topics chosen?**

The bank of potential survey questions was distilled down to the most critical through a prioritization exercise including AAMC staff and volunteers from MD- and DO- granting medical schools. Similarly, AACOM coordinated the identification of priority areas and questions through discussions with its member COMs (College of Osteopathic Medicine).

Topics were selected in collaboration with AAMC and AACOM constituents based on the AAMC and AACOM strategic priorities, current challenges in healthcare, and current and anticipated policy and advocacy initiatives at the local, regional, and national levels. It is anticipated that topics queried by the SCOPE Survey will change to best address the medical education community's needs.

## **How can I submit questions for the survey?**

The best way to be a collaborator for the survey is to apply to serve on the [Curriculum Committee](#); however, you can also contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org) to discuss future survey content or submit to the [Suggestion Box](#).

## **How can I join the external panel providing feedback and ideas for the Curriculum SCOPE Survey?**

The Curriculum Committee includes a subcommittee of DO-granting and MD-granting medical school representatives who meet regularly to continue work on the SCOPE Survey. Recruitment for the committee is currently closed. If you are interested in learning more about the role of the Curriculum Committee and future opportunities, please contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org).

## **Does the survey contain the same questions from year-to-year?**

Not necessarily. The survey content will change over time to meet ever-evolving needs of medical schools and the missions of AAMC and AACOM. Questions may be paused for a given year or discontinued to allow for new questions.

## **How much time does the survey take to complete?**

The median number of hours to complete the 2022-2023 survey was 11; the median number of hours to complete the 2023-2024 survey was 10.

This median completion time represents a significant reduction in time from previous data collections. In addition, other data collections have been consolidated, leading to a decrease in institutional effort in reporting curriculum data to the AAMC.

## **Is there a recommended way to complete the survey?**

There are a few different approaches medical schools may take to completing the survey.

Medical schools may find it useful to identify a project manager/survey coordinator who determines appropriate timelines and connects with different groups to collaborate and assign tasks. Alternatively, some medical schools may find it useful to fill out the survey to the best of their ability and then connect with staff to fill in any remaining blanks.

Based on pilot testing, medical schools that began with one individual (e.g., curriculum dean) completing their portions of the survey first, and then sharing out specific questions and sections with others, reported needing less time to complete the survey than schools who used other approaches.

*Recommendations include:*

- **Assign one person** to be the keeper of survey edits for your team.
- **Review the survey questions** early, even if your team does not plan to start completing the survey right away.
- **Note the data sources** your team anticipates needing access to and alert the data keepers about the need and timeline.

- **Identify your team.** Will your medical school choose one person to fill out most of the survey first and send specific sections to others as needed? Or will you distribute the survey to various team members, and then have one person quality check and consolidate the responses?
- **Circulate the sample draft survey** with team members, available on the so your team can orient to the types of questions and information needed.
- **Set up meetings.** Your team may not need them, or may not need all of them, but it will be helpful to have time blocked for group discussion. If not, the meetings can be canceled.
- **Set an internal deadline** before the actual survey deadline, so there is time for the unexpected.

## What data sources are needed to complete the survey?

Medical schools reported utilizing the following data sources:

- Curriculum map
- Learning management system
- Course calendars
- Faculty documents
- Syllabi
- Institutional knowledge
- Institution/committee documents
- AAMC and AACOM annual reports
- Others

## Does the survey require changes to our processes or resources?

Medical schools that participated in the Curriculum SCOPE Survey pilot gave recommendations on how they adjusted their processes. Their recommendations have been incorporated into the SCOPE Survey instructions, listed in the survey itself. Recommendations and perspectives from medical schools were also highlighted in the [virtual community library resources](#).

## Does the survey utilize terms and definitions?

The Curriculum SCOPE Survey utilizes educational terminology with definitions provided. Sources for terms and definitions, such as the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Data Collection Instrument (DCI) Glossary, the [AAMC Curriculum Keywords](#), Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) Glossary, and more were consulted, along with the guidance of the AAMC Reference Center professional librarian staff.

To reduce ambiguity, the Curriculum SCOPE Survey provides definitions of key survey terms and terms which may have specific meaning in the context of this survey within the survey tool.

Terms which are widely understood, industry standard, or do not have a meaning specific to this survey are not defined. Should a term, defined or undefined, remain unclear, apply your institutional definition and interpretation to respond to the survey item.



## **Why does the AAMC not collect how many hours are spent on specific topics in the curriculum?**

Given the shift towards competency-based education, the AAMC is focused on collecting information around competencies rather than time in curriculum. However, the Curriculum SCOPE Survey does include questions related to time in a broader format (e.g., weeks in specific phases of the curriculum).

## **If my medical school has more than one program (e.g., a four-year program, and a three-year accelerated program), which should be considered when completing the survey?**

When completing the survey, some questions may ask if your medical school has more than one program as part of your medical degree. Most survey questions relate to the program in which most of your medical students are enrolled. For example, if your medical school offers both a four-year medical degree for 80% of your students, and a three-year accelerated medical degree program for 20% of your students, you will complete most questions of the survey with your four-year medical degree program in mind.

## **How can medical schools stay informed regarding the survey?**

The way to ensure that faculty and staff are informed about the Curriculum SCOPE Survey is to contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org) to ensure your correct contact information is included in our distribution list. Additional channels for information, updates, and events are available on the [SCOPE website](#) and the [Curriculum Community](#).

## **How should I cite the survey?**

Before citing data for external use, please contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org). If you reference the SCOPE Survey itself, please use the below citation formats:

*Curriculum SCOPE Survey 2022-2023*. Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM); 2024.  
<http://www.aamc.org/SCOPE>. Accessed [insert date].

*Curriculum SCOPE Survey 2023-2024*. Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM); 2025.  
<http://www.aamc.org/SCOPE>. Accessed [insert date].

## About the Survey Tool

### **To whom is the survey link sent?**

The invitation email with a unique survey link is sent to each medical school's identified curriculum dean.

### **How can I update my medical school's curriculum dean and additional points of contact?**

To ensure your medical school's curriculum dean, relevant faculty, and staff are included in the survey news, please contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org).

### **My medical school does not have a person with the "curriculum dean" title. How can we identify the person to receive the survey link?**

For the Curriculum SCOPE Survey, a curriculum dean is responsible for the medical school curriculum. It is someone with authority and awareness of the overall curriculum. You may choose the most relevant person, even if their official job title differs, to receive the Curriculum SCOPE Survey.

### **Can the survey link be sent to more than one curriculum dean?**

No. Each medical school must identify ONE curriculum dean.

However, if your medical school has more than one curriculum dean, you may forward the survey link to them and request the AAMC include them as additional points of contact (up to 3) to receive survey news and updates by emailing [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org).

### **How many additional points of contact at our medical school can receive survey news?**

In addition to the curriculum dean, you may include up to 3 relevant faculty and staff to be kept in the loop regarding survey news. For example, perhaps your medical school has an assistant dean for the basic science curriculum, and an assistant dean for the clinical curriculum, and you would like both kept in the loop. It is helpful to have at least one person in addition to the curriculum dean included in survey news.

### **What email address does the survey invitation email come from?**

The survey invitation email comes from [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org). If you do not receive the email on the [launch date](#), please check your spam and junk folders for [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org), and contact the team if you need assistance.



## **How many submissions is my medical school expected to submit?**

One. Each medical school receives a survey link unique to their school, for one Curriculum SCOPE Survey submission.

## **Can I forward the survey link to others at my medical school?**

The curriculum dean may forward the invitation email and survey link to whichever faculty and staff at their medical school whom they deem helpful in completing the survey.

Please use caution when sharing the survey link, as anyone it is shared with can edit the submission. If multiple individuals are editing the survey without coordination, there is risk of inadvertent edits or multiple editors overwriting each other's work.

The AAMC recommends identifying one person at your medical school to manage all edits to the survey submission. If others at your medical school need to view the survey questions, you may direct them to the sample survey and editable survey template in Word format on the virtual [Curriculum Community](#).

Do not forward the survey link to individuals outside of your medical school.

## **What survey tool is used for the survey?**

The AAMC uses a survey software called Verint. Its functions and features are like other web-based survey tools.

## **Does the survey tool auto-save?**

No. Verint does not consistently auto-save. Please make sure to periodically save your work.

## **Can I save my survey responses and return to editing the survey later?**

Yes, there is an option to "save and continue" or "save and exit," so that you can save your responses in progress. You may save and edit your survey response as many times as needed until the deadline.

## **How can I see all the questions on the survey?**

Branched questions on the survey are only visible to those for whom they are relevant. If you would like to view all the questions, you may view the sample survey on the virtual [Curriculum Community](#).

## **Why are there no question numbers in the survey link?**

Question numbers have been removed from the survey link due to branched questions, as it would be confusing for respondents to see jumps and skips in question numbering when

branched questions are not relevant for them. Question numbers are included in the sample survey on the [virtual community](#).

### **Can I have a copy of my medical school's survey responses?**

Yes. There are two methods: email and print, available **once you submit your survey** to the AAMC. It is not possible to email or print a copy of your medical school's survey responses through the survey tool unless your medical school's survey is submitted.

If you select "email," the survey tool sends an email to the person who initially received the survey link (i.e., curriculum dean). That person may forward the email to others at their medical school as needed.

If you select the print option, the survey tool allows the person submitting the survey to select "print." Please note that only questions which your medical school responded to will be included in print. (If you choose the email method, all questions are included).

To see all the questions, please see the sample survey and editable template on the [virtual community](#).

### **What should I do if I prematurely click the "Submit" button on the survey?**

You may submit your medical school's survey as many times as needed prior to the deadline. The original survey link sent to your medical school curriculum dean will still work, even after the survey is submitted, ahead of the deadline.

If your medical school has submitted the survey, then realizes additional edits are needed, you may return to your survey link, edit your medical school's submission, and submit again before the deadline.

The latest submission will override any previous submissions. The AAMC does not download or extract data until after the deadline has passed.

### **Can I make edits to my medical school's survey after the deadline?**

If your medical school makes edits to a previous years' survey link, please notify [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org). The survey tool does not have automatic surveillance to notify the AAMC when updates to a survey link are submitted, and the AAMC does not surveil past years' survey links for updates. You may wish to make edits to a past years' survey submission if you notice that a question was omitted that you wish to respond to, or you wish to edit a previous question answer. Notifying the AAMC will ensure that the data is updated for future reporting.

## **Why did my survey jump to the previous page when I clicked “Enter” when responding to an open text “Other” box?**

Often in the survey, when there is an option for “Other,” there is also a small text box so that the respondent may add explanation as to why none of the response options were a good fit and the respondent chose “Other.”

When entering text in the “Other, Please describe,” if the respondent hits the “Enter” key on their keyboard, rather than using their mouse to navigate to the next survey question, the survey tool will jump to the previous survey page. This is a function of the survey tool that cannot be changed.

To avoid this, the respondent may use their mouse/tracker to navigate to the next survey question. If, however, the respondent hits their “Enter” key and the survey jumps to the previous page, the respondent may use the “Jump” button at the bottom of each survey page to navigate back to the survey page they wish to work on.

## Reports

### **What is the reporting strategy for the survey?**

The reporting strategy aims to support medical schools’ evidence-based evaluation and curriculum change, as well as support AAMC and AACOM mission and advocacy efforts on behalf of medical education programs. To meet that aim, participating medical schools are provided with:

- Custom visual benchmarking
- Aggregate statistics
- Analyzable de-identified data

The reporting strategy is grounded in an iterative development and feedback process so data can be shared more swiftly, and future report editions consider user feedback.

### **How are data from the survey reported?**

Survey data are reported in a number of ways, with custom reporting for participating medical schools. Key ways that the survey data are reported include:

- SCOPE Medical School Report, for participating medical schools
- SCOPE Aggregate Statistics Report, for AAMC and AACOM-member medical schools

- *Curriculum Data Snapshots* series, available on the [Curriculum Reports](#) webpage

More information about reports' access, format, and content is available in the [virtual community](#).

## **Why are reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey important?**

Data reported for the survey may help medical schools to:

- Identify patterns, trends, and key findings;
- benchmark current and planned curriculum by aggregate norms;
- discuss the findings with their curriculum committee;
- consider when curriculum change may or may not be warranted;
- evaluate their program for continuous quality improvement; and
- inform strategic plans and evidence-based decision-making.

## **What is the SCOPE Medical School Report (SCOPE Report)?**

The SCOPE Report is a practical benefit to AAMC and AACOM member medical schools that participate in the Curriculum SCOPE Survey. It displays data from the survey in the following ways:

- (1) Custom benchmark tables, with customized visual benchmarks for participating medical schools with aggregate data, and
- (2) Deidentified row-by-row medical school-level data, to support participating medical schools wishing to conduct their own additional analyses.

## **What is the SCOPE Aggregate Statistics Report?**

The SCOPE Aggregate Statistics Report is a practical benefit to AAMC and AACOM member medical schools. It displays aggregate statistics from the SCOPE Medical School Report.

## **What is the Curriculum Data Snapshots series?**

This short-report format, available on the [Curriculum Reports](#) webpage, highlights key findings from the survey and other data sources and provides context so that curriculum leaders in medical education can quickly get up to speed on a given topic, interpret data, and be informed regarding future directions.

## **When do medical schools receive access to reports from the survey?**

Medical school reports are available annually in June.

## **Are there identifiable data in the SCOPE Report?**

Only your own medical school's responses are identifiable in your customized SCOPE Report. All other data in the SCOPE Report, including the row-by-row medical school-level data, are deidentified. Your medical school's unique SCOPE Report ID is included in your custom report so that you can identify your medical school among the row-by-row medical school-level data.

## **How can I use the SCOPE Report to benchmark my curriculum?**

Your SCOPE Report includes aggregate statistics. For each question on the survey for which your medical school provided data, your medical school's data is represented with yellow highlighting, visually benchmarking your medical school's data within the aggregate data results.

You may use this benchmarking information within your medical school for curriculum-related activities, such as discussion with your curriculum committee, consideration of curriculum change, program evaluation and continuous quality improvement, and evidence-informed decision-making.

## **How can I learn more about how best to use the SCOPE Report?**

The best way to learn more about reports is to explore the folder in the [Curriculum Community library](#). We host an informational session each summer, this year held [June 26, 2025](#). The recording is always added to the virtual community after the event. The session outlines the contents of the SCOPE Report with an example of how best to utilize the data and displays, outlines the contents of the SCOPE Report with an example of how best to utilize the data and displays.

## **How can I access my customized and aggregate statistics reports?**

The SCOPE Report is shared in one of two ways, depending on medical school type:

- 1) AAMC Medical School Profile System ([MSPS](#)), for U.S. MD-granting medical schools, and
- 2) Confidential SharePoint folder, for U.S. DO and Canadian medical schools

## **Who at my medical school receives the SCOPE Report?**

Your medical school's custom SCOPE Report is accessible to your medical school's designated curriculum dean and up to 3 additional points of contact.

For U.S. M.D.-degree granting medical schools, reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey are also available to their representative to the AAMC Council of Deans, typically the dean of the medical school, on the AAMC Medical School Profile System ([MSPS](#)).

## **How can I update my medical school's designated curriculum dean?**

To update your medical school's curriculum dean, please contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org). DO-granting schools should contact AAMC at the above email and cc: AACOM to update contacts.

## **Can my medical school's curriculum dean share reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey with others?**

Yes. The curriculum dean may share data and reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey among your medical school faculty and staff for *internal, medical school curriculum-related purposes only*, in accordance with the terms of use within the various reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey.

## **Can I use my medical school's reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey for external, non-curriculum related activities?**

No. Reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey and their data cannot be shared with individuals outside of the medical school, including third-party service providers, other institutional departments, or for purposes other than curriculum, without written permission from the AAMC.

## **Can I use my medical school's reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey for commercial purposes?**

No. Reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey and their data may only be used for non-commercial purposes.

## **Where can I find policies about how reports from the Curriculum SCOPE Survey can and cannot be used?**

Within the SCOPE Report and Aggregate Statistics Report, the section "Terms of Use" outlines the various conditions under which the report and its data may or may not be used.

A [recorded information session](#) outlines the contents of the SCOPE Report with an example of how best to utilize the data and displays.

## **Can I conduct research and publish findings with data from this survey?**

Please reach out to [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org) if you are interested in conducting research or disseminating/publishing with data from this survey. Within the SCOPE Report, the Excel workbook tab "Terms of Use" contains instructions and limitations regarding dissemination. The AAMC also welcomes member collaboration in targeted Data Snapshot publication ([sample available here](#)).



## **What is the Medical School Profile System (MSPS)?**

The [MSPS](#) is a password-protected site through which AAMC-member medical schools in the United States may access data and reports. Curriculum deans, Council of Deans, and additional contacts can access the MSPS with their AAMC-username and password account: [Medical School Profile System \(MSPS\) | AAMC](#). Please note MSPS access is for US MD schools and that DO and Canadian schools have access through a confidential SharePoint folder.

## **How can the curriculum dean confirm an AAMC account to access the Medical School Profile System (MSPS)?**

The curriculum dean may confirm an AAMC account here: [OneAAMC | AAMC Account](#).

## **How can the curriculum dean update their AAMC account password?**

Help in resetting the curriculum dean's AAMC account password is available here: [OneAAMC | Reset Password](#).

## **Who should I contact with questions about MSPS?**

For questions about MSPS, please send an email to [mspshelp@aamc.org](mailto:mspshelp@aamc.org).

## **How can I share my thoughts on reporting priorities for the next edition of the SCOPE Report?**

Are there questions from the survey that are particularly crucial for your medical school? Please share your thoughts as to which data points should be prioritized for reporting through the AAMC's [Suggestion Box](#).

## About AAMC and AACOM Collaboration

### **Does the survey include DO-granting schools?**

Yes. The AAMC and AACOM collaborated on the development of this survey. One of the sources of the Curriculum SCOPE Survey's content is the curriculum portion of the AACOM Annual Osteopathic Medical School Questionnaire (Annual Survey).

### **What are the benefits for DO programs to participate?**

To benefit both DO-granting and MD-granting schools, the AAMC continues to develop and publish individual school and aggregate, de-identified reports. These reports are helpful to

schools for benchmarking, continuous quality improvement, and program evaluation purposes, thus using data to support evidence-based curriculum change decisions.

### **Are the survey questions relevant for DO programs?**

Yes. The Curriculum SCOPE Survey was developed in collaboration with both organizations. DO-granting schools were included in the external feedback panel and pilot tester groups, committee recruitment, focus groups, town halls, and many other steps to ensure survey content and language are relevant and useful for DO-granting schools. In addition, the curriculum portion of the AACOM Annual Survey was one of the sources for the new survey's content.

### **Why complete the AAMC-AACOM Curriculum SCOPE Survey?**

The intent of AACOM's and AAMC's collaboration is to reduce duplicate reporting through data integration. This data integration creates a unique data set for DO-granting and MD-granting schools.

### **Will my participation in the SCOPE Survey impact my participation in the AACOM Annual Survey?**

Some of you may have concerns or questions regarding the future of curriculum reporting for the AACOM Annual Survey. Since AACOM and AAMC have worked together closely throughout this collaboration, many questions nearly mirror each other for both the SCOPE Survey and curriculum sections of the AACOM Annual Survey. Therefore, DO schools that opt to participate in the SCOPE Survey *are only required to complete the AACOM Annual Survey curriculum sections that either are not on the SCOPE Survey or collect data in a meaningfully different way than the SCOPE Survey. DO schools opting out of the SCOPE Survey must complete all AACOM Annual Survey curriculum sections.*

### **What support will be offered to DO-granting schools participating in the SCOPE Survey?**

The AAMC and AACOM teams work together to ensure both MD-granting and DO-granting schools are provided with the proper resources and support needed to complete the SCOPE Survey successfully. Both teams collaborate to answer any questions schools may have concerning their participation, to ensure that both MD- and DO-granting schools are supported. For more information on how the AAMC and AACOM collaborate for this data collection effort visit [AACOM's Curriculum SCOPE Informational Page](#).

### **What if I have questions about the SCOPE Survey or would like to provide feedback?**

For questions or suggestions of proposed topics for future Curriculum SCOPE Surveys, you may submit feedback via AAMC's [Suggestion Box](#). Questions on the Curriculum SCOPE Survey will change over time to respond to the ever-evolving curricular changes at medical schools and to meet the missions of AAMC and AACOM. Proposed topics and questions are considered based on priorities and with advice from the Curriculum Committee.

## How can DO-granting schools stay informed regarding the survey?

Contact [curriculum@aamc.org](mailto:curriculum@aamc.org) to ensure your correct contact information is included in AAMC's distribution lists to receive updates and survey invitations. Additional channels for information, updates, and events are available via the [website](#), [AACOM's Curriculum SCOPE Informational Page](#), and the [Curriculum Community](#). Please register for a free account and indicate you want to join the virtual Curriculum Community. This account is different from the general AAMC account.. Please register for a free account and indicate you want to join the virtual Curriculum Community. This account is different from the general AAMC account.