

# Invitation for Public Comment

## UMass Chan Medical School accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education

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The University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit in April 2022, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly known as the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

The New England Commission of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in the six-state New England region as well as several American-style institutions overseas.

UMass Chan Medical School has been accredited by the Commission since 1997 and was last reviewed in 2012. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, UMass Chan Medical School has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's *Standards for Accreditation*. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the medical school to:

Public Comment on UMass Chan Medical School  
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Public comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public Comments must be received by April 6, 2022. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.