What is an Alternate?
An alternate is a candidate who has been selected for the ranked alternate list, waiting to see if a position opens after an accepted student withdraws or delays matriculation. As the class size falls below 170, these positions can be filled administratively in an expedient manner. Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict how many positions will be offered.

Do you inform an alternate of their position on the alternate list?
We do not inform alternates of their exact ranking or relative standing. As positions become available, notifications will be communicated via a telephone call followed-up with an acceptance packet. Please be sure the most recent contact information is on file by e-mailing Diane Harris, Admissions Coordinator at: diharris@uthsc.edu.

How many offers have been accepted each year?
In the past two (2) years, the average number of alternates accepted has typically run in the upper fifties.

How many positions are on the alternate list?
The alternate list is ranked by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and is not generated until late spring. There are 248 positions on the alternate list for the 2017 entering class. Most of the movement on the alternate list will take place early May and may continue throughout the month of June.

Does an alternate position guarantee an acceptance to this class or futures classes?
An alternate position does not carry a guarantee of acceptance to this class or any future class. If you wish to make an appointment for counseling, contact the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs in the College of Medicine to discuss your particular situation.

Will I have the option to delay matriculation if offered an acceptance from the alternate list?
[yes] Delayed matriculation may be granted for a period of one year upon written request. Address your written letter to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee, Gerald J. Presbury, MD, UTHSC College of Medicine, 910 Madison Avenue, Suite 1043, Memphis, TN 38163.

What happens when you are holding multiple acceptances?
After May 15, for alternates holding an acceptance at another medical school, we are required to contact that medical school(s) to inform them that we are about to make an offer of acceptance. If an alternate has begun an orientation program at another medical school, an offer of admission cannot be made.

How do I accept the offer?
Accept your offer through the College of Medicine Admissions web site and click on the Admitted Students topic. After reading the information, on that web page, click on the accept offer form. In addition, once you have received your acceptance packet, via postal mail, return the confirmation of acceptance packet form to us. If you wish to decline your offer of admission, please notify our office via e-mail at diharris@uthsc.edu.

NO ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED

What else can I do besides wait?
You may contact the College of Medicine, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs for counseling. If you are offered an acceptance from another medical school, you may consider taking that offer and notify us that you wish to withdraw your position on the alternate list.

When will alternates be notified that it is unlikely an offer will be made?
The majority of acceptances offered to alternates are made by June 30, although a small number may be made subsequent to this date. Typically, we keep the alternate list active until the first day of New Student Orientation. However, the majority of alternates will be notified no later than July 1 if an offer is not likely.

If you wish to reapply, what should you do?
You must submit your application electronically to the American Medical College Application Service, i.e., AMCAS. You must re-submit your pre-professional evaluation or letters of recommendation and your official transcript(s). Also, you should update your personal statement and activities.

Questions regarding the alternate list contact:
The UT Health Science Center College of Medicine Admissions Office at 901-448-5559 or e-mail diharris@uthsc.edu.