

Criminal Background Checks:
Why, what, when, who, how & what if

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In 2005, the Group on Student Affairs of the AAMC recommended that a criminal background check be completed on all applicants accepted to medical school. In May, 2006, the CBC Advisory Committee of the AAMC issued detailed recommendations for implementation of background checks, including when they are to be conducted, who conducts them, what information should be obtained, how the findings should be used.

In June, 2006, the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) held a virtual conference on the topic. This conference addressed the issues surrounding the why, when, what, who, and how of conducting a CBC, but did not reach any formal recommendations.

This session will review several issues to be considered when developing policies and procedures for conducting criminal background checks (CBCs). Foremost among these issues are who will conduct the CBC, when will it be conducted, and how will the resulting information be used.

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