

Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM) School of Medicine, Dominican Republic

Accreditation Denied

July 2024 Determination: *Accreditation Denied*

This was the first full accreditation visit for Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM) School of Medicine in the Dominican Republic. The site visit took place March 12-16, 2024, and involved a survey of its basic science campus and clinical teaching sites in the Dominican Republic. The site visit team members were:

1. Professor Sandra Leeper-Woodford (Team Chair & Secretary)
2. Dr Wilson Veras
3. Professor Mirna García

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 22-23, 2024 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision: The Board, having carefully discussed the pros and cons of the Site Visit Team's report, concluded that there were so many areas in which the University had fallen short of compliance with CAAM-HP standards, that it was recommending that, given its long history and clear commitment to excellence in medical education, the PUCMM should continue to take the necessary steps to address these shortcomings in order to become better aligned with current global standards, and re-apply for accreditation in two years' time.

Appeal of Decision: The PUCMM has submitted a notice of appeal against the decision to deny accreditation to its medical education programme.