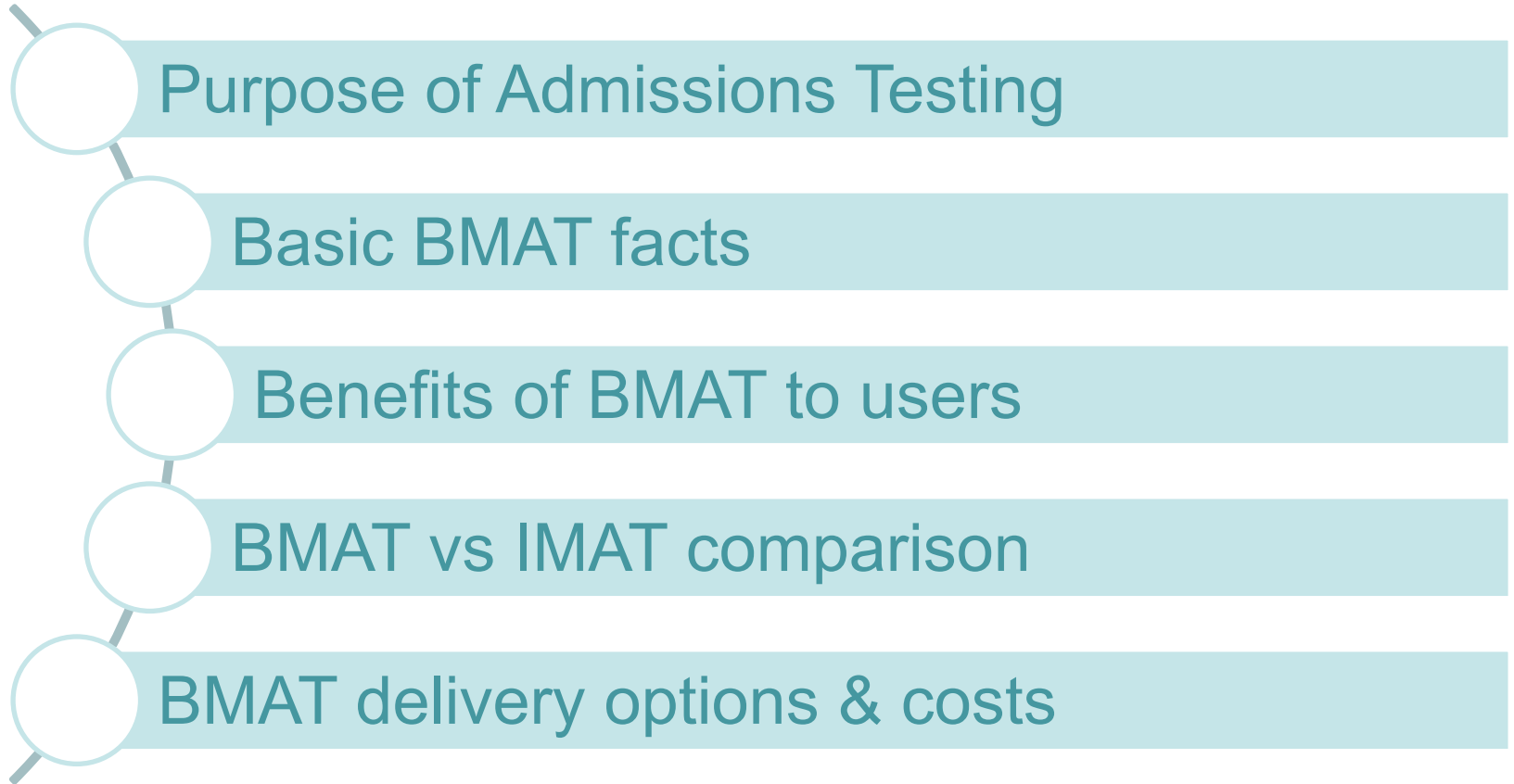




# BMAT or IMAT: Assessing the benefits

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# BMAT or IMAT

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**We believe BMAT offers this.**

# Who uses BMAT?



Universiteit  
Leiden  
The Netherlands

Imperial College  
London



WAGENINGEN  
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH



Lancaster University  
Medical School



brighton and sussex  
medical school



Medicine



UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.



# Registration Stats BMAT

- Accepted by 18 universities in 6 countries
- 3 BMAT sessions in 2017:
  - February
  - September
  - November
- 14,000+ test takers in 98 countries
- Bespoke delivery models available

# BMAT: benefits for universities

- Access to many strong applicants worldwide
- Recognised predictive validity
- Assessed for fairness
- Tests a range of skills
- A common measure across different educational backgrounds
- Complements other selection processes
- Managed by Admissions Testing

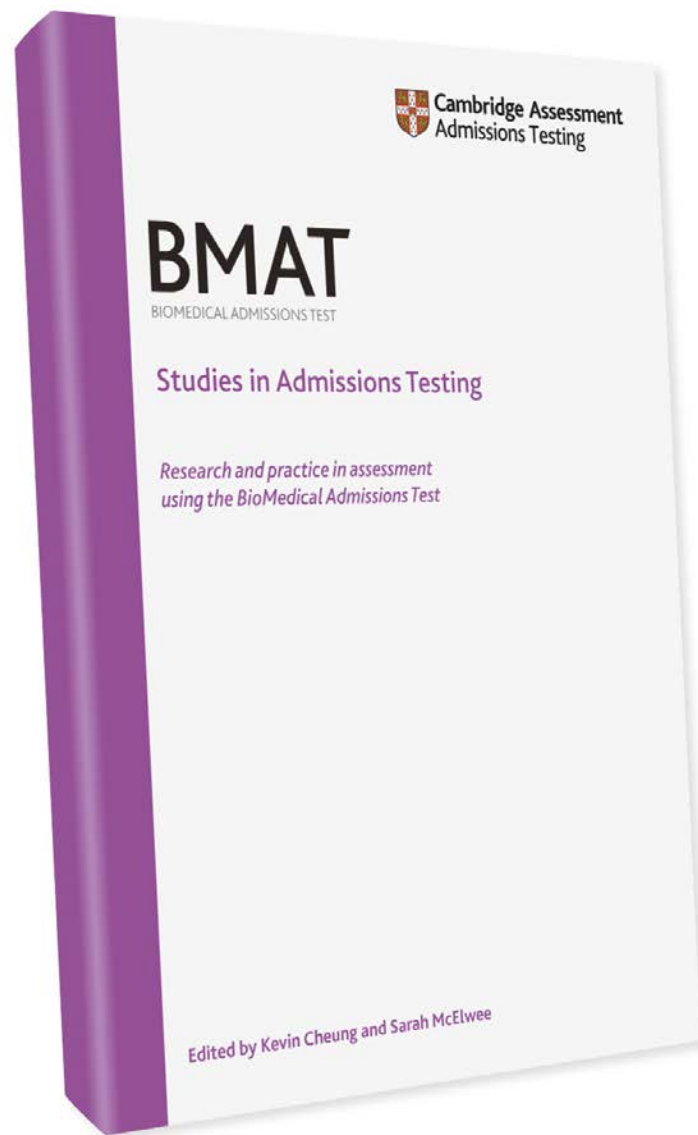
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Available August 2017:

*“a body of evidence....  
[with] robust validation,  
continual review and  
evaluation.”*

Martyn Partridge

National Heart & Lung Institute,  
Imperial College London





# BMAT: benefits for candidates

- Accepted by a range of top universities
- Accepted internationally
- Free support and prep materials
- Content internationally accessible
- Allows top takers to stand out
- Available worldwide
- Range of access arrangements
- Range of test dates\*

# BMAT: benefits for delivery

- Established rules and regulations
- Quicker delivery, less scope for errors
- Familiar to test centres
- More choice of centres
- More candidate capacity
- Allows malpractice checks

# Content BMAT vs IMAT

## BMAT

- 120 mins
- Thinking skills (35)
- Int'l science (27)
- Writing task
- Ability focus
- No negative scoring
- Enquiries & appeals
- Anonymised marking

## IMAT

- 100 mins
- Logic (20)
- Italian science (38)
- General knowledge (2)
- Knowledge focus
- Negative scoring
- Challenges
- Anonymised throughout

# Delivery BMAT vs IMAT

## BMAT

- Not anonymous
- Taker ID verification
- Multiple locations
- Large capacity
- Dates suited to admissions cycles
- Simple process for centres and takers
- Familiar process internationally

## IMAT

- Anonymous
- Taker ID not guaranteed
- Limited capacity & locations
- Dates not ideal
- Complicated pre/post test admin
- Process confusing outside Italy

# Results BMAT vs IMAT

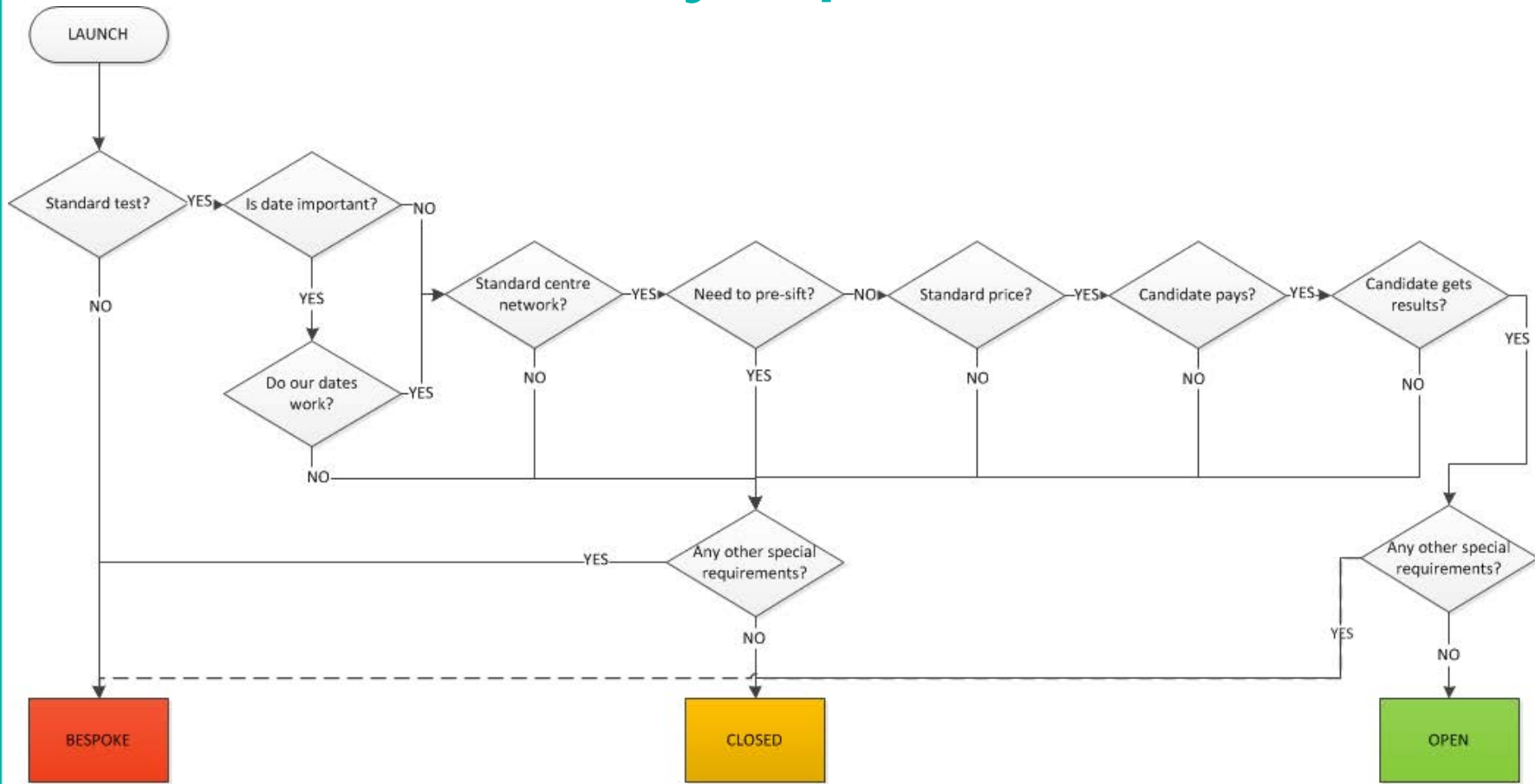
## BMAT

- 3 scores
- No negative marking
- Used by many unis
- Can be mapped against future performance
- Multiple options for ranking takers

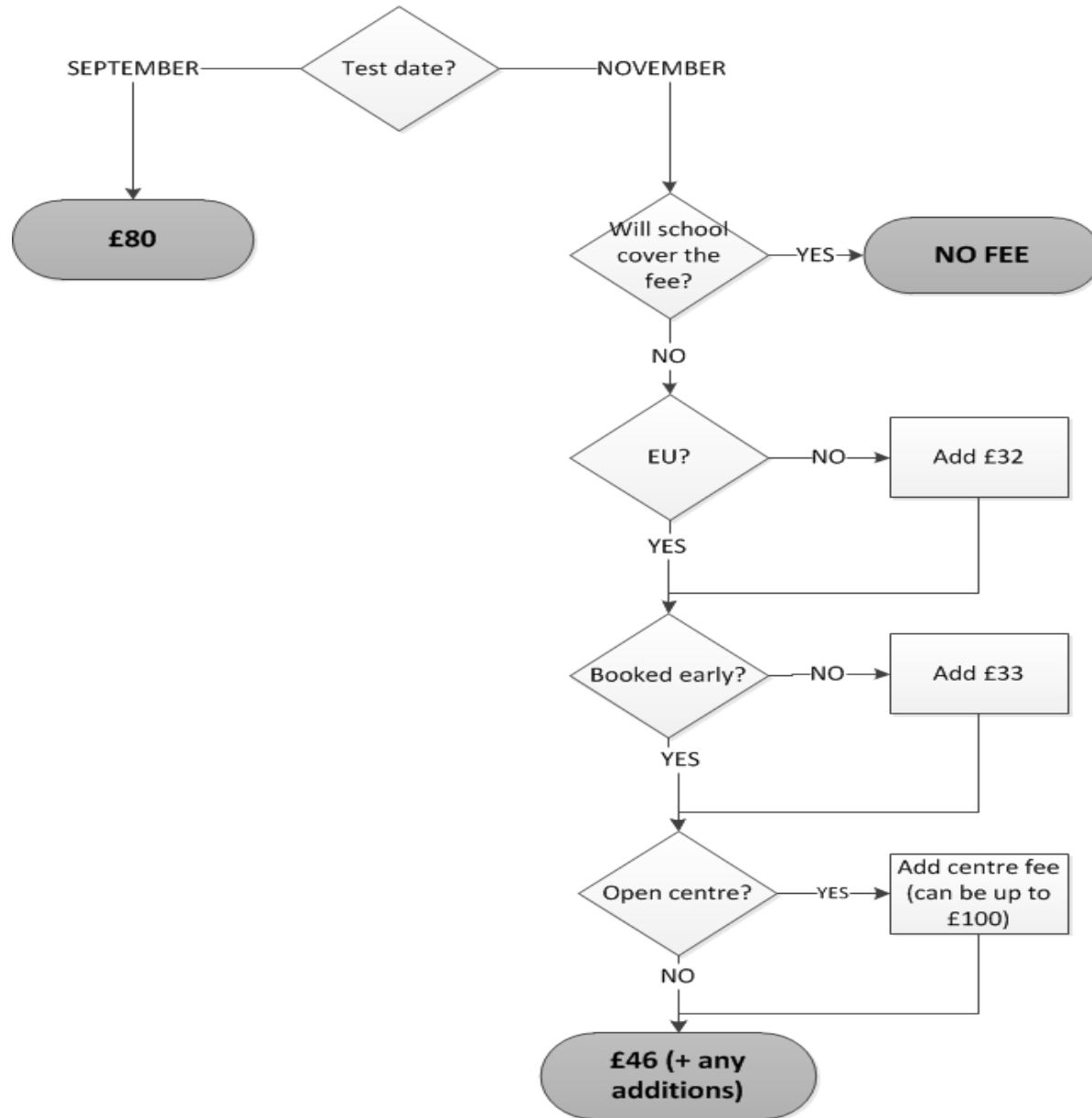
## IMAT

- Single score
- Negative marking
- Only used in Italy
- No mapping or research options
- Simple ranking of takers

# BMAT delivery options



# Price standard BMAT



# BMAT or IMAT: Summary

- Attracts a large, high calibre pool
- No additional hurdles for strong candidates
- Backed by solid research
- Internationally accessible
- Internationally available
- Range of delivery options and costs



**Any questions?**



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