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Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) was established in 2001 as a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It is part of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. Pre-medical teaching began in Doha in 2002. The medical program began in 2004, and the inaugural class graduated in 2008. The biomedical research program was launched the same year.

TRIPLE MISSION

WCMC-Q shares the triple mission of Weill Cornell Medical College: a dedication to excellence in education, top-quality patient care and research at the frontiers of biomedical science.

EDUCATION

WCMC-Q’s innovative six-year program of studies leads to the Cornell University M.D. degree. The two-year pre-medical program focuses on basic sciences relevant to medicine. The four-year medical program follows the highly successful curriculum of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York. There are separate admissions processes for each program.

PATIENT CARE

WCMC-Q works with its partners to educate physicians who will lead twenty-first century health care in Qatar. Through a strong partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation, the country’s main health care provider, students gain clinical experience with patients from their first year of medical school. Further, the partnership with Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital provides WCMC-Q students with experience and training in orthopedic and rehabilitation medicine. With Sidra Medical and Research Center — scheduled to open in 2012 — students will have access to one of the most technologically advanced medical and research facilities in the world.

RESEARCH

Working closely with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation, the Supreme Council of Health and other organizations, WCMC-Q researchers are conducting basic science, clinical and translational studies that will build the country’s infrastructure and make Qatar an international center of excellence in biomedical research. The studies are based largely on molecular and genetic medicine and stem cell biology and are designed to address pressing national and regional health care issues such as diabetes, obesity and metabolic syndrome as well as reproductive biology, cardiovascular disease and vaccine development.

- Forging high-level partnerships with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation and the Supreme Council of Health
- Pioneering the education of Qatar’s first local physicians
- Restoring the region’s historic scientific tradition through the establishment of an outstanding biomedical research program

STUDENT STATISTICS (September 2010)

Medical Students

Class of 2011 (4th Year Medical) 38
Class of 2012 (3rd Year Medical) 28
Class of 2013 (2nd Year Medical) 40
Class of 2014 (1st Year Medical) 42

Medical Program 148
Pre-medical Program 109
Foundation Program 17

Entering Medical Students (Class of 2014)

Men 25
Women 17
Average Science GPA 3.6
Average MCAT Score
  Physical Science 10.9
  Biological Science 10.3

Entering Pre-medical Students

Men 27
Women 23
SAT 1 Math Score 677
TOEFL Internet Based Test 104

FACULTY STATISTICS (September 2010)

Faculty Resident in Qatar

Medical 40
Medical (Affiliated-HMC and Aspetar) 181
Pre-medical 18

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WCMC-Q AT A GLANCE

The establishment of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is part of Cornell University’s commitment to the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge around the world. With the establishment of the Qatar campus of Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University became the first US university to offer its MD degree overseas.

WCMC-Q pioneered university-level coeducation in the country. Class size has grown rapidly: from 25 pre-medical students in 2002 to 126 pre-medical and foundation students in 2010. Meanwhile, medical school enrollment has increased from 16 in the inaugural class to 42 in the class of 2014.

The WCMC-Q student body is diverse, with students from more than 30 countries.

The facilities, provided by Qatar Foundation, include lecture halls that are wired for laptops, distance learning and audiovisual technology, extensive teaching laboratories, and seminar rooms designed for small group work.

The Distributed eLibrary (DeLib) — accessible from approximately 300 computers in-house and more via remote access — provides a vast array of information resources, including more than 7,500 eJournals, 13,200 eBooks, 4,300 print publications and 200 databases, in addition to other electronic media that is continually updated and expanded. The library recently acquired electronic access to the entire collection of the New England Journal of Medicine, dating back to January, 1812.

The Medical College has the region’s first Clinical Skills Center. With six fully equipped exam rooms, audio-visual equipment, computerized medical mannequins, and a standardized patient educator program, it is a state of the art resource for the specialized training of physicians.

MILESTONES ON OUR JOURNEY

January 2001
Cornell University and Qatar Foundation sign an agreement to establish Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

August 2002
First students enter WCMC-Q’s pre-medical program

October 2004
First White Coat Ceremony as inaugural class enters the medical program

October 2004
Affiliation Agreement signed by Weill Cornell Medical College, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Hamad Medical Corporation

June 2005
Opening of the Clinical Skills Center, the first in the region.

July 2006
Third-year medical students begin clinical clerkships in HMC medical facilities

Summer 2006
WCMC-Q’s research labs in use for the first time

May 2008
Inaugural class graduates

June 2008
Biomedical research program launched

September 2008
First WCMC-Q alumni begin residencies in Qatar and the United States

February 2009
WCMC-Q signs clinical training and education agreement with Aspetar, Qatar’s orthopedic and sports medicine hospital

May 2009
WCMC-Q researchers awarded 20 grants for advanced biomedical research projects through the National Priorities Research program.

September 2009
A record 41 students enter the medical program

November 2009
WCMC-Q introduces live grand rounds from New York

December 2009
WCMC-Q takes part in Qatar’s first health congress

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