



FACT SHEET 2009-2010

- Partnering with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation, ASPETAR Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, the Ministry of Health and the Supreme Health Council
- Pioneering the education of Qatar's first physicians
- Conducting advanced biomedical research projects

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) was established in 2001 in 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 opened in 2004; 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, 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 MD degree based on the same standards as those of Weill Cornell in the US. The two-year Pre-medical Program of Cornell courses is followed by the four-year Medical Program that replicates the Weill Cornell curriculum. There are separate admissions processes for each program.

PATIENT CARE

WCMC-Q works with its partners to educate physicians who will lead 21st century health care in Qatar. The Medical College is working with Qatar Foundation as the Foundation plans the Sidra Medical and Research Center for Education City. Together, WCMC-Q and Sidra will form an academic medical center of excellence, home to top-quality health care and research.

RESEARCH

In partnership with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation, the Ministry of Health, and other organizations, faculty and staff of Weill Cornell in New York City and Doha are building the research capacity of Qatar. The program focuses on high quality research in genetic and molecular medicine, women's and children's health, gene therapy, and vaccine development.

STUDENT STATISTICS (September 2009)

Medical Students

Class of 2010 (4th Year Medical)	23
Class of 2011 (3rd Year Medical)	33
Class of 2012 (2nd Year Medical)	28
Class of 2013 (1st Year Medical)	41

Pre-medical Students

Pre-medical Program	124
Foundation Program	13

Entering Medical Students (Class of 2013)

Men	18
Women	23
Average Science GPA	3.5
Average MCAT Score	
Physical Science	11.1
Biological Science	11

Entering Pre-medical Students

Men	33
Women	27
SAT 1 Math Score	682
TOEFL Internet Based Test	102

FACULTY STATISTICS (September 2009)

Faculty Resident in Qatar

Medical	37
Medical (HMC Affiliated)	162
Pre-medical	19

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

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WCMC-Q AT A GLANCE

Cornell is the first US university to offer its MD degree overseas. Cornell University and Weill Cornell Medical College maintain links with medical institutions all over the world, so WCMC-Q is true to Cornell tradition.

WCMC-Q is the only medical college in Qatar and a pioneer of coeducation at the university level. Class size has grown rapidly: from 25 students in 2002 to 262 in 2009. The WCMC-Q student body is widely diverse, representing more than 36 countries on five continents.

The facilities provided by Qatar Foundation include superbly equipped lecture halls, extensive teaching laboratories, seminar rooms designed for small group work, and an infrastructure of advanced technology to support eLearning.

The Distributed eLibrary, which can be accessed from approximately 300 computers in the Medical College or remotely, provides a vast array of information including more than 6,500 eJournals, 11,300 eBooks, 4,300 print publications and 200 databases, along with other electronic media. All electronic and print resources are available to the public in the library's Reading Room.

The Medical College has the region's first Clinical Skills Center, housed in the North Hall. With six simulated exam rooms, sophisticated computerized mannequins and a battery of audio-visual equipment, it is the ideal venue for medical students to learn and practice the art and science of patient care before they work with real patients.

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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 25 students enter the Pre-medical Program

October 2003

Dedication of the new building by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned and Jeffrey S. Lehman, president of Cornell University

September 2004

Inaugural class enters the Medical Program

October 2004

First White Coat Ceremony for medical students in Qatar

October 2004

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

June 2005

Opening of Clinical Skills Center, the first such facility in a medical college in the region

July 2006

Third year medical students begin clinical clerkships in HMC hospitals

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 the United States and Qatar

February 2009

WCMC and ASPETAR sign an agreement that makes ASPETAR facilities available as a training site for WCMC-Q students.

May 2009

Second medical class graduates