STUDENT STATISTICS

Medical Students
Class of 2021 (4th Year Medical) 48
Class of 2022 (3rd Year Medical) 55
Class of 2023 (2nd Year Medical) 42
Class of 2024 (1st Year Medical) 52

Number of Students
Medical Curriculum 197
Pre-medical Curriculum 103
Foundation Program 22
Total Number of Students 322

Students Entering the Medical Curriculum (Class of 2024)
Men 22
Women 30

Entering Pre-medical Students
Men 20
Women 34
SAT 1 Math Score * 771
TOEFL Internet Based Test * 113

FACULTY STATISTICS

Academic Staff Resident in Qatar
Faculty 77
Other faculty (Employed at affiliated and other institutions) 690

RESEARCH

Total employees ** 122
Number of active research laboratories 25
Non-faculty academic (postdocs and research associates) 21
Papers published since 2010 > 1200
Nine core facilities: Genomics, Proteomics, Bioinformatics & Metabolomics, Imaging, Vivarium, Biostatics, Clinical Research Support, Basic Core and MicroRNA.

* Scores are for students admitted directly onto the six-year Medical Program.
** Including non-faculty academic.
Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) was established in 2001 as a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It is part of Cornell University in the state of New York. Pre-medical teaching began in Doha in 2002. The medical program began in 2004, and the inaugural class graduated in 2008. Goals of WCM-Q include:

- Forging partnerships with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation and the Ministry of Public Health.
- Pioneering the education of Qatar’s first local physicians.
- Restoring the region’s historic scientific tradition through the creation of an elite biomedical research program.

A TRIPLE MISSION OF EXCELLENCE

WCM-Q has a tripartite mission: a dedication to excellence in education, top-quality clinical care and research at the frontiers of biomedical science.

EDUCATION

WCM-Q’s innovative six-year medical program of study leads to the Cornell University MD degree. The two-year pre-medical curriculum focuses on basic sciences relevant to medicine. The four-year medical curriculum offers courses that integrate normal and abnormal biology, and provide early exposure to patients. This curriculum continues to follow the highly successful program of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York.
CLINICAL CARE
WCM-Q works with its partners to educate physicians who will lead 21st century healthcare in Qatar. Through a strong partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation, the country’s main healthcare provider, students gain clinical experience with patients from their first year of medical school. Furthermore, the partnership with Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital provides students with experience and training in orthopedic and rehabilitation medicine. In addition, with Sidra Medicine, Feto Maternal Center, Al Ahli Heart Hospital and the Primary Health Care Corporation, students have access to some of the most technologically advanced medical and research facilities in the world.

RESEARCH
In close collaboration with Qatar Foundation and local stakeholders in the biomedical sciences, including HMC, Sidra Medicine, and HBKU, WCM-Q researchers are focused on improving our understanding of diseases specific to Qatar and the region, including obesity, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and neurogenetic abnormalities. Efforts are expanded on the continuum of biomedical research from basic, to translational, clinical and population research. The ultimate goal of the WCM-Q research effort is to inform more efficient healthcare delivery by ushering in the era of precision medicine in Qatar. In addition, our research effort has enhanced the technical and physical biomedical research infrastructure and continues to significantly improve the scientific talent nationally through robust training and outreach programs.
MILESTONES ON OUR JOURNEY

January 2001
Cornell University and Qatar Foundation sign an agreement to establish Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar.

August 2002
First students enter WCM-Q's Pre-medical Program.

October 2004
Affiliation agreement signed by Weill Cornell Medicine, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Hamad Medical Corporation.

August 2007
WCM-Q Foundation Program is implemented.

May 2008
Inaugural medical class graduates.

February 2009
WCM-Q signs clinical training and education agreement with Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital.

June 2009
A five-year plan is implemented to establish a biomedical research program. Over the next year, various research cores are established and extramural funding from Qatar National Research Fund begins.

October 2010
Weill Cornell Medicine and Sidra Medicine sign an affiliation agreement with one another.

August 2011
WCM-Q partners with Hamad Medical Corporation and Qatar’s learning and research institutions and healthcare providers to launch the MENA region’s first Academic Health System.

November 2012
Facilitated by WCM-Q, institutional accreditation is given to Hamad Medical Corporation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education - International.

May 2013
An MoU with the American Board of Medical Specialties is signed to launch a certification program for various disciplines.

October 2013
WCM-Q signs an affiliation agreement with the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC).

October 2014
WCM-Q is accredited as a provider of continuing medical education and continuing professional development by the Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners of the Ministry of Public Health.

November 2014
WCM-Q restructures its curriculum into one cohesive six-year medical program.

May 2015
An MoU is signed with the US-based, Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine.
July 2015
WCM-Q signs a clinical training and education agreement with the Feto Maternal Centre.

September 2015
WCM-Q’s application to place students in long-term clinical clerkships in New York pursuant to section 60.2 of the Commissioner’s regulations was approved by the New York State Board of Regents for a period of seven years.

October 2015
Agreement signed with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates for global medical education and collaboration for student research funding.

November 2016
WCM-Q is recognized as an accredited provider by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and has the rights to designate AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

September 2017
- WCM-Q is recognized by the UK’s General Medical Council for overseas medical schools. From the Class of 2018, WCM-Q graduates awarded an MD degree can apply for residency and training programs in the UK and sit the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test for GMC registration.
- WCM-Q officially reopens its expanded and enhanced Clinical Skills & Simulation Lab, incorporating more hi-tech medical simulation equipment and doubling the number of clinical examination rooms.

September 2018
WCM-Q signs an affiliation agreement with Al Ahli Heart Center for clinical training.

November 2018
WCM-Q is awarded accreditation with commendation, the highest ACCME standard for continuing professional development.

July 2020
WCM-Q’s Infectious Disease Epidemiology Group is designated a WHO collaborating center.