



WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE IN QATAR



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Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC)

Founded in 1898, the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University is among the top-ranked clinical and medical research centers in the U.S. The Medical College has been affiliated with what is now NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) since 1927. It is an integral part of a world-renowned center of academic medicine and biomedical research.

With a triple mission of education, research and patient care, the Medical College offers the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, Ph.D. programs in biomedical research and education at Weill Graduate School of Medical Sciences, and a joint M.D.-Ph.D. program in cooperation with Rockefeller University and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Weill Cornell physicians have made, and continue to make, major contributions to medical research in key areas. They have led the way for such advances as the Pap test for cervical cancer, the first “double-blind” controlled experiment to test the efficacy of drugs, and the synthesis of penicillin. Research is currently being carried out in a wide range of fields, and Weill Cornell experts are leaders in the field of clinical gene therapy.

Website: www.med.cornell.edu

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH)

The University Hospital of Weill Cornell Medical College, NYPH is one of the most comprehensive university hospitals in the world, with leading specialists in every field. In 2004, for the fourth consecutive year, the Hospital ranked among the top ten hospitals in the United States according to the U.S News & World Report “America’s Best Hospitals” survey, with top ten positions in seven medical specialties.

NYPH is the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian hospital in the U.S., with 2,395 beds. It provides state-of-the-art inpatient, outpatient and preventive care in all areas of medicine at five different centers, including Weill Cornell Medical Center.

More broadly, NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System provides a network of quality healthcare services across three states. This federation of top-level acute-care and community hospitals, specialty institutes, outpatient sites and continuing care centers serves one in four patients in the New York metropolitan area. It is committed to high quality, cost-effective and accessible care to the communities it serves.

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Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC)

Established by Emiri decree in 1979, HMC is the premier not-for-profit healthcare provider in the State of Qatar.

HMC manages five hospitals in Doha, the Hamad General Hospital, the Women's Hospital, Rumailah Hospital, Al-Amal Cancer Hospital and the Psychiatric Hospital, as well as the Hamad International Training Center. Nationwide, the Corporation manages a network of 21 primary health care centers that provide a range of services, including family medicine, preventive medicine and a number of specialized services such as ophthalmology.

HMC is mandated to provide the best quality care for patients irrespective of nationality, and to play a major part in Qatar's drive to meet, and exceed, global targets, as defined in the World Health Organization's "Health for All" campaign. Since its establishment, the Corporation has developed specialized medical facilities that offer levels of diagnosis and treatment that were previously only available overseas.

Website: www.hmc.org.qa

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q)

Established in partnership with the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a branch campus of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, the first American institution to offer its M.D. degree overseas.

WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, with teaching by Cornell University faculty. It comprises the two-year Pre-medical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program which replicates the curriculum offered at Weill Cornell in New York. There are separate admissions processes for each Program.

The first pre-medical classes began in September 2002; the Medical Program opened in September 2004, with sixteen students in the Inaugural Class, of whom fourteen had successfully completed the Pre-medical Program.

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The Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF)

The Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development is a private, nonprofit, chartered organization founded in 1995 by His Highness the Emir, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, with the aim of developing and utilizing human potential through a network of centers and campuses.

The Chairperson of QF is Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, dedicated campaigner for quality education.

In 1997, QF set out on a strategic plan to create an Education City that is composed of a number of research centers, branch campuses of world-class educational institutions and a Science Park that acts as an incubator for research, responds to the immediate needs of industry and anticipates future necessities for development.

Education City was officially inaugurated in October, 2003 and it is now home to branches of some of the world's leading universities and research centers.

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