



FACT SHEET 2007-2008

- **Partnering with Qatar Foundation, Hamad Medical Corporation and the National Health Authority**
- **Pioneering the education of Qatar's first home-grown physicians**
- **Preparing biomedical research projects of the future**

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) was established in 2001 as a joint venture between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It is a branch of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. Pre-medical teaching began in Doha in 2002, in temporary facilities. One year later, WCMC-Q moved to a state-of-the-art building constructed by Qatar Foundation on the Education City campus in Doha. The Medical Program opened in 2004; the Inaugural Class graduates in 2008.

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

The six-year, integrated program of studies leads to the Cornell University MD degree based on the same standards as those of Weill Cornell in the U.S. WCMC-Q's 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 is working with its partners to educate physicians who will lead twenty-first 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, they 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 (HMC) and the National Health Authority, faculty and staff of Weill Cornell in New York City and in Doha are working on a program to build the research capacity of Qatar.

STUDENT STATISTICS (Fall 2007)

Enrolled Students

Medical Students

Class of 2008 (4th Year Medical)	16
Class of 2009 (3rd Year Medical)	17
Class of 2010 (2nd Year Medical)	27
Class of 2011 (1st Year Medical)	30

Pre-medical Students

2nd Year Pre-medical	35
1st Year Pre-medical	61
Foundation	18

Entering Medical Students (Class of 2011)

Men	13
Women	17
Average Science GPA	3.44
Average MCAT Score	
Physical Science	10.7
Biological Science	10.5

Entering Pre-medical Students

Men	26
Women	35
SAT 1 Math Score	678
TOEFL	105 (IBT)

FACULTY STATISTICS (September 2007)

Faculty Resident in Qatar

Medical	32
Medical – voluntary	95
Pre-medical	28

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WCMC-Q AT A GLANCE

Cornell is the first American 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 first medical college in Qatar and a pioneer of university-level coeducation in the country. Class size has grown rapidly. 25 pre-medical students enrolled in 2002, 61 in 2007. Meanwhile, the enrollment of students in the Medical Program, which opened in 2004, has increased from 16 in the Inaugural Class to 30 in the Class of 2011.

The WCMC-Q community is widely diverse, with over 200 students from more than 30 countries on five continents enrolled in the Pre-medical and Medical Programs.

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, accessed from approximately 300 computers in-house and from outside the Medical College for those with remote access, has more than 15,000 items in its collections, including almost 5,400 ejournals and 4,600 ebooks, over 4,400 print publications, 197 databases and 150 media resources, among other materials.

The Medical College has the region's first Clinical Skills Center, housed in the North Hall. With its six doctor's offices and 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.

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 2002** Inauguration of the Pre-medical Program
- Summer 2003** WCMC-Q moves to the new building, commissioned by Qatar Foundation
- 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 Year One 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** Year Three medical students begin Clinical Clerkships in HMC hospitals
- Summer 2006** WCMC-Q's research labs in use for the first time
- May 2007** Inaugural Class begins fourth and final year
- May 2008** Inaugural Class graduates

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