



PRESS RELEASE

**High School Students And Parents Experience the World of Medicine  
at WCMC-Q Event**

**Doha, November 15, 2008** – Doha high school students and their parents flocked to the Intercontinental Hotel in Doha today for Medicine Unlimited, a fun, interactive science-based educational event.

The evening was organized by Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), in partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation and Qatar Diabetes Association, with the goal of raising awareness of the many opportunities available in the health professions and encouraging students to consider a career in healthcare.

“Events such as this play an important role in the future development of Qatar,” said Dr. Maya Hammoud, Senior Associate Dean for Education at WCMC-Q. “Cultivating the talent of Qatari students into the doctors and researchers of tomorrow is essential to ensuring high quality patient care, and to advancing biomedical research in the country and the region ”

The students were treated to a variety of activities that explored the complex relationship between our bodies and the world around us, including live experiments, hands-on simulations, quizzes, and fun demonstrations. Medical mannequins allowed them to try out a range of medical procedures, from providing CPR to giving ear and eye exams. A virtual microscope provided a view into the unseen world. Science tables explored the areas of anatomy, physics, chemistry, biology, neurology, surgery and transplantation, while a Research table offered insight into the fascinating field of biomedical research.

Two Qatari high school students, who were winners of the medical college’s essay-writing competition earlier this year, gave presentations about their two-week trip to observe cutting-edge research in the laboratories of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York.

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Faculty and students from WCMC-Q as well as physicians from Hamad Medical Corporation conducted many of the activities, and answered questions and advised about being a medical student and becoming a doctor.

In addition to the informational and educational opportunities for students, their parents benefited from free health screenings provided by WCMC-Q partners, including tests for blood pressure, blood sugar, pulmonary function and bone density.

Medicine Unlimited marks WCMC-Q's largest and most ambitious outreach event for local high school students and their parents to date. The Medical College also provides an ongoing array of outreach activities catered to individual high school classes, faculty and parents.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

**Established in partnership with Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q** is part of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, the first American institution to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Pre-medical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There are separate admission processes for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca, and its Medical College in New York City.

Website: [www.qatar-med.cornell.edu](http://www.qatar-med.cornell.edu)

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