

WCM-Q embraces latest innovations in medical education  
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Organisers and speakers at the Faculty Development Workshop.

Expert medical educators from around the world convened at WCM-Q to deliver a workshop to faculty on the latest developments in educational techniques and strategies.

The two-day Faculty Development Workshop brought experts from Qatar, the US, the UAE, Oman and Lebanon together in Doha to give lectures and lead individual workshops designed to further the professional development of local and regional healthcare professionals by equipping them with the latest knowledge and skills related to innovations in medical education.

More than 70 healthcare professionals attended to explore topics that included strategies for remediating struggling learners, maintaining professionalism in the era of social media, and assessment of 'entrustable professional activities (EPAs)', which are key skills that every medical school graduate has to master in order to begin their next stage of training.

The workshop, which had the theme 'New Horizons in Medical Education', featured keynote speeches by Dr. Stephanie Call, associate chair of education and internal medicine residency program director at Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. G. Dodd Denton, assistant deputy head of school (students) at the Ochsner Clinical School/University of Queensland and Dr. Dora Stadler, assistant dean of continuing professional development at WCM-Q.

Dr. Thurayya Arayssi, associate dean for continuing professional development at WCM-Q, said: "This workshop has provided a great opportunity for our immensely talented faculty at WCM-Q to discover some of the most important new pedagogical innovations in medical education, which is extremely beneficial both for themselves and their students. We are very pleased that our relationship with AAIM is making such a valuable contribution to the professional development of our faculty and to the overall quality of education we are able to offer at WCM-Q."

Based in Virginia, AAIM is a consortium of five academic medical organizations that collectively represent departments of internal medicine at medical schools and teaching hospitals across the United States and Canada. The organization facilitates the sharing of expertise that teaching institutions can draw upon to support their own efforts to achieve the very highest educational standards.

In May 2015, WCM-Q's Division of Continuing Professional Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding with AAIM to help faculty at the college incorporate the very latest advances in student and medical resident education into their skillsets. This workshop marks the first event hosted jointly by WCM-Q and AAIM.

Dr. Call said: "I have been very impressed by the responsiveness of the faculty and their eagerness to embrace the latest innovations in medical education. They showed a real understanding of just how crucial it is for medical educators to constantly update and build upon their skills so that they can provide the very best possible education to their students.

"We look forward to continuing the productive partnership that has been established between WCM-Q and AAIM."

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