

WCM-Q welcomes prospective students and their parents to annual outreach fair

Doha – February 13, 2016: Four hundred middle and high school students and their parents flocked to Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) to attend the college's annual student recruitment event, Medicine Unlimited.

Students and their families had the chance to tour the state-of-the-art teaching facilities at WCM-Q, meet world-class faculty, and learn about the huge variety of career opportunities open to students who study for a degree in medicine.

Attendees were invited to take part in a series of interactive presentations led by WCM-Q faculty using lifelike mannequins and models to demonstrate medical concepts such as the anatomy and function of the human heart, how to deliver emergency care and transplant surgery, among many others.

Organized annually by WCM-Q's Office of Student Recruitment and Outreach, the aim of the event is to provide access to prospective students, their parents and school administrators, to a real-life experience at the medical college by interacting with its faculty, researchers, students and staff. During this one-day event, participants learned more about basic sciences teaching, laboratory activities and research facilities at WCM-Q. Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities, the students became more aware of what it takes to become a doctor and learned about the admissions requirements.

The participation of Hamad Medical Cooperation and the Sidra Medical and Research Center provided an excellent opportunity for the dissemination of basic health information.

Dr. Rachid Bendriss, Assistant Dean for Student Recruitment, Outreach and Foundation Programs, said: "Medicine Unlimited provides a unique opportunity for high school students, families, and school professionals to learn about our world-class medical program and interact with our faculty, staff, researchers, and students. It is a wonderful event that connects our college with the community to share our programs and invite students to consider medicine for their career track."

"An M.D. degree from WCM-Q can take a young person in so many different directions – our graduates have gone on to become surgeons, pediatricians, family physicians and biomedical researchers, among countless other roles, working in Qatar and all over the world. Medicine Unlimited gives young people a chance to explore these possibilities and it is wonderful to see the college buzzing with so much youthful energy and enthusiasm."

The Medicine Unlimited event kicked off at the nearby Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Student Center, where Dr. Marco Ameduri, Associate Dean for Premedical Education, gave an address to welcome the visiting students and their families.

In addition to participating in more than 20 science activities, visitors were also able to learn more about WCM-Q's award-winning Sahtak Awalan – Your Health First campaign, which had a booth at the event offering free dietary and exercise advice, health checks and the chance to take a spin on the ever-popular blender bikes to make a healthy fruit smoothie using only pedal power.



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About Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar

Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers a comprehensive six-year medical program leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments. Through its biomedical research program, WCM-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCM-Q seeks to provide the finest education possible for medical students, to improve health care both now and for future generations, and to provide high quality health care to the Qatari population.

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