

WCM-Q shares expert advice on university assessment methods

Doha – May 9, 2016: Experts in the field of assessment of physicians from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in the United States delivered a series of workshops at WCM-Q discussing the purpose of assessment, the role of workplace-based assessments and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) in clinical assessments, development of exam questions test and score reporting - all of which are important elements of a well-designed system of assessment for measuring the knowledge and skills of doctors in training, as well as healthcare professionals.

ABMS staff members Krista Allbee, Vice President, International Programs, David B. Swanson, PhD, Vice President, Academic Programs and Services and Kathy Holtzman, Director of Assessment and International Operations; presented the workshops, which were attended by more than 30 staff and faculty from WCM-Q and other healthcare professions schools and healthcare institutions in Qatar.

The aim of the two-day event was to assist Qatar's community of healthcare educators to update their knowledge and skills of assessment methodologies in order to continue to meet the standards of excellence in medical education required of a modern healthcare system. The ABMS has been established for 80 years and works to continually evolve standards for medical specialty practice and Board Certification to support advancements in medicine, science, and technology, both in the US and internationally.

"High quality assessment methods are absolutely crucial to the delivery of a quality education for healthcare professionals, and it is essential for faculty at healthcare professions schools and healthcare institutions to have access to the latest knowledge in this field," said Dr. Thurayya Arayssi, WCM-Q's Associate Dean of Continuing Professional Development. "We are extremely grateful to the ABMS for joining us and sharing their world-class expertise with our workshop participants."

Krista Allbee, Vice President of International Programs at ABMS, noted: "As medical educators we are committed to the promotion of lifelong learning in order to provide the very best standards of education to healthcare professionals, which in turn will ensure excellent care for patients. We are extremely encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the participants for learning about the latest developments in assessment methods, which reflects their own commitment to providing excellence in health professions education."



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