



كلية طب وايل كورنيل في قطر  
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

*Member of Qatar Foundation*

## Press Release

### Summer enrichment programs attract aspiring medical doctors

**Doha – June ++, 2013:** Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) opened its doors to welcome nearly 70 aspiring doctors when the annual summer enrichment programs got underway at the start of summer break for Qatar's school students.

WCMC-Q's summer enrichment programs are designed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to further explore their intellectual curiosity in a college setting. The programs have been well received by students and schools who regard this as an excellent opportunity for interested and talented students to get the feel of college life and foster long-term career ambitions.

The two programs provide selected students with an opportunity to explore a possible medical career with hands-on experiences that is similar to the programs of study undertaken by current students. WCMC-Q graduates and faculty members deliver the programs. The Qatar Medical Explorer Program (QMEP) aims to give a glimpse of what it is like to be a medical doctor through didactic thinking and problem-based learning. It is aimed at students entering 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

The two-week Pre-college Enrichment Program (PCEP) also aims to introduce prospective college students to experience the rigors of university life. It is aimed at students entering 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and those who are graduating from high school with a solid foundation in basic and biological science, high proficiency in English and a desire to pursue medical studies.

The students are given a chance to explore past, present and future trends in medicine and they discuss issues in the profession from ethics to public health awareness in the Gulf region. It is also an opportunity to experience college life through a variety of presentations, basic science lab sessions and clinical skills workshops. It is hoped that after an intensive two weeks of workshops and presentations the students will be in a position to form a clearer picture

---

**Office of Government  
and Public Affairs**  
WCMC-Q  
Education City  
P.O. Box 24144  
Doha, Qatar

**Nesreen Al-Refai**  
Director  
Phone: +974 4492 8650  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
nma2005@qata-  
rmed.cornell.edu

**Dr. Hilton Kolbe**  
Senior Writer  
Phone: +974 4492 8651  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
hik2009@qatar-  
med.cornell.edu



كلية طب وايل كورنيل في قطر  
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

*Member of Qatar Foundation*

## Press Release

about how their interests, strengths and areas of improvement can translate into a career in medicine.

WCMC-Q Director of Student Recruitment, Noha Saleh said this year there were 33 students in the QMEP and 36 in the PCEP. While most of the students come from Qatar, there were also three students from Kuwait, the United States and Germany. "From previous experience about 95 per cent of the summer enrichment programs students end-up applying to WCMC-Q," Ms. Saleh said.

WCMC-Q Class of 2013 graduates Dr. Moamena El-Matbouly and Dr. Mason Al-Nori, who gave a presentation on the growing problems of diabetes both in Qatar and around the world, led the PCEP student session.

Dr. Al-Nori said the students were interactive and very bright. "This has been an interesting experience dealing with young people. They are largely enthusiastic and motivated to succeed. I wish them all well as they look to the future," he said.

For 16-year-old Al Jazeera Academy student Mohammed Al-Horr it was a useful experience. He said: "I am really happy to have an opportunity like this. It has been exciting and I am enjoying the work that has been prepared for us by our tutors. It has given me a clear idea of my objectives and I am also keen to study medicine and some day to become a medical doctor."

- Ends -

### Photos Captions:

Photo 1: Participants at the Clinical Skills Center

Photo 2: Mohammed Al-Hurr

Photo 3: Some of the participants

### About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Office of Government  
and Public Affairs  
WCMC-Q  
Education City  
P.O. Box 24144  
Doha, Qatar

Nesreen Al-Refai  
Director  
Phone: +974 4492 8650  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
nma2005@qata-  
rmed.cornell.edu

Dr. Hilton Kolbe  
Senior Writer  
Phone: +974 4492 8651  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
hik2009@qatar-  
med.cornell.edu



كلية طب وايل كورنيل في قطر  
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

*Member of Qatar Foundation*

## Press Release

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

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

For more info, please contact:

Hanan Lakkis  
Media Relations Manager  
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar  
Mobile: +974 55536564  
Direct Line: +974 44928661  
[hyl2004@qatar-med.cornell.edu](mailto:hyl2004@qatar-med.cornell.edu)

---

**Office of Government  
and Public Affairs**  
WCMC-Q  
Education City  
P.O. Box 24144  
Doha, Qatar

**Nesreen Al-Refai**  
Director  
Phone: +974 4492 8650  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
[nma2005@qatar-med.cornell.edu](mailto:nma2005@qatar-med.cornell.edu)

**Dr. Hilton Kolbe**  
Senior Writer  
Phone: +974 4492 8651  
Fax: +974 4492 8444  
[hik2009@qatar-med.cornell.edu](mailto:hik2009@qatar-med.cornell.edu)