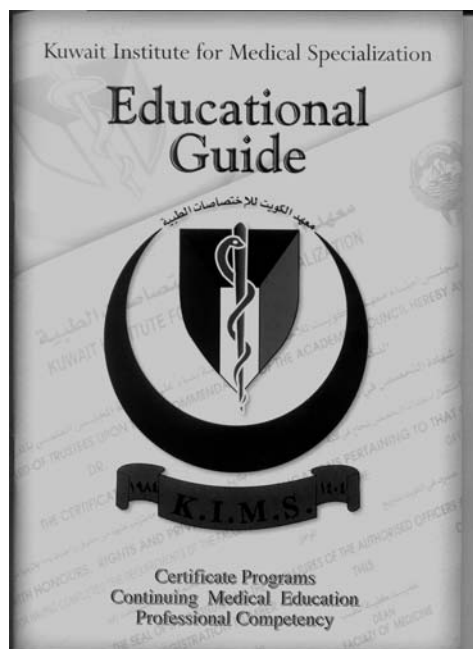


KIMS Educational Guide

The Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (KIMS) has released a new publication titled *Educational Guide*.



KIMS, which comes under the Ministry of Health, State of Kuwait, is the authority responsible for organizing all aspects of postgraduate training of medical practitioners and other health professionals in Kuwait. It performs this function through a variety of educational programs, including many in the fields of internship training, postgraduate training and Continuing Medical Education. KIMS has published many documents recently for the benefit of health professionals, giving details of these activities. The *Educational Guide* serves as a comprehensive compilation of this material, with updated information, where applicable. It would, therefore, prove useful to medical and dental practitioners, residents, trainees, administrators, and medical educators interested in postgraduate training, CME, research procedures and licensing examinations.

The main topics dealt with in the Guide include the following: the administration of the institute, the composition of the Board of

Trustees and the Accreditation Committee and the Faculties and Committees; the internship training program, its overall objectives, the outcome objectives in the different specialties, and the strategies of formative and summative evaluation; the objectives and the format of the postgraduate training programs in Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Family Practice, Laboratory Medicine, Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine; the Continuing Medical Education program of KIMS, with information on participation in CME/CPD activities, categories of CME/CPD activities, registration for participation, the credit point system, monitoring of the CME Program, and planning and accrediting CME/CPD activities; the membership examinations of the Royal Colleges in UK and Ireland and the opportunities available locally to interested candidates. The section on the licensing examinations gives details of the KMLE and the KDLE that have been introduced for physicians and dentists respectively, and outlines their objectives, eligibility of candidates, format and content of the examinations, examination schedule, and the application procedure. Additionally, the Guide provides information on the Research Unit of KIMS with its objectives and the organization of its functions, the Medical Research Ethics Committee, and the Medical Learning Resources Center of KIMS comprising the Central Medical Library/Electronic Library and the Medical Illustrations Unit. For the benefit of practitioners interested in postgraduate specialty training, Continuing Medical Education or the licensing examinations, the Educational Guide also includes a selection of the relevant Application Forms.

The complete Guide is available at the KIMS website <www.kims.org.kw>, to be downloaded as an *Acrobat Reader* file. Any updates of information or rules and regulations pertaining to programs and examinations would also appear in the KIMS website.