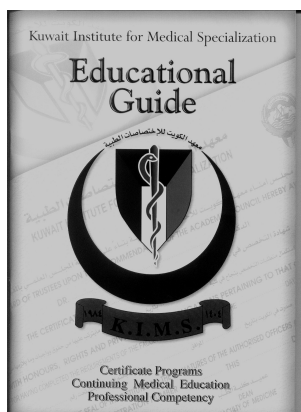


KIMS Educational Guide

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A revised reprint of the *KIMS Educational Guide*, a handbook on the training programs, examinations and other educational activities conducted by the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (KIMS), is now available. It gives updated information, including details about the training programs that had been implemented since its first release in 2002.

KIMS is responsible for organizing or administering the organization of training programs and examinations for practitioners



who have completed their basic undergraduate education. These activities include internship training for all graduates of the Faculty of Medicine, Kuwait University, postgraduate specialty training arranged by the Faculties and Special Committees of KIMS, and continuing

medical education (CME) activities accredited under the Maintenance of Professional Competence (MPC) Program. Additionally, KIMS conducts licensing examinations for medical and dental graduates, as required by the Ministry of Health, before they are granted a license to practice in Kuwait.

The *Educational Guide* supplements the many documents that have been issued by KIMS for use by health professionals. It also constitutes a comprehensive compilation of information on the subject areas that come within the purview of KIMS, and will be of benefit to medical and dental practitioners and other health professionals, residents, trainees, administrators, and medical educators.

As was described in the first edition, the Guide deals with the internship training program, its overall objectives, the outcome objectives in the different specialties, and the strategies of formative and summative evaluation,

and the objectives and the format of the post-graduate training programs in Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Family Practice, Laboratory Medicine, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. The current version also has details about the training programs that have been implemented within the past two years in the specialties and subspecialties of Dermatology, Ophthalmology, ENT and Head & Neck Surgery, Anesthesia, Dentistry, Cardiology, GI/Hepatology, and Diabetology. Medical and dental practitioners, as well as pharmacists who are now included within the Maintenance of Professional Competence Program (formerly called the Continuing Medical Education Program), will find the chapter dealing with participation in and the organization of CME/CPD activities useful in continuing professional development.

Information on the licensing examinations, KMLE and KDLE, that practitioners who had obtained qualifications from foreign universities are expected to pass before being licensed to practice in Kuwait come in the section on Licensing Examinations. The Guide also gives information on the research procedures that may be undertaken under the umbrella of the Ministry of Health. The Medical Learning Resources Center of KIMS now has Internet work stations and a patient simulator, in addition to the Central Medical Library/Electronic Library and the Medical Illustrations Unit. Information on how trainees and practitioners may make use of these facilities, too, appears in the publication.

The KIMS website <http://www.kims.org.kw> gives access to the complete document. A copy may be downloaded as an *Acrobat Reader* file from the site. As and when the rules and regulations or other details pertaining to the training programs or the examinations are revised, the updates will be published in the KIMS website.