

College of Pharmacy Participates in First National Inter-Institutional Clinical Skills Competition

College of Pharmacy (CPH) participated in the second annual College of North Atlantic – Qatar (CNA-Q) Clinical Skills Competition on March 28, 2012. In the spirit of collaboration and through the efforts of the Qatar Interprofessional Health Care Council, six teams of students from CNA-Q, Weill Cornell Medical College, University of Calgary – Qatar and Qatar University participated in the competition. Each team consisted of students from nine different programs at these institutions including respiratory therapy, environmental health, pharmacy technician, medical radiography, dental assistance, emergency medical services, nursing, medicine and pharmacy.

During the competition, students were presented with different clinical scenarios that were developed by the coordinators. The students were assessed individually and on their ability to work as a team to resolve a variety of clinical problems that they could expect to encounter in the health care setting. Six senior students from CPH participating in the competition this year including Reem Nakeeb, Muna Ismail, Ayat Hammad, Raja Barazi, Amna Fadul, and Amina Benilles. These students were assessed in terms of medication counseling and communication skills pertaining to oral anticoagulation therapy for deep vein thrombosis and the use of bronchodilator inhalers for asthmatic patients. Drs. Maguy El Hajj and Ahmed Awaisu contributed to the event by working with the CNA-Q organizing team, providing two of the clinical scenarios and assessment rubrics that were used during the competition, and acting as judges. Miss Rifqa Al Ward (QU CPH BSc graduate and now working in the college professional skills laboratories) contributed to the competition as a simulated patient. All CPH students did well in the clinical skills competition, Muna Ismail was ranked the top pharmacy student participant and Ayat Hammad's team was ranked the best team.

Interprofessional education is recognized by the World Health Organization as an initiative that can lead to improved collaborative health care and ultimately better patient outcomes in the community and hospital settings. In recognition of this, the health care degree programs in this country are working together for the benefit of the citizens of this country and to ensure we meet the goals of the Qatar National Health Strategy. ([Al Jazeera TV video](#))