

PROGRESS & HIGHLIGHTS IN THE PRESENT STATUS OF PUBLIC HEALTH TEACHING
IN AL-AZHAR FACULTY OF MEDICINE

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NAMF :

- Department of Community & Preventive Medicine
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- The course starts in the 4th year. (Medical students)

ACADEMIC STAFF

Includes 13 members,(Full timers)as follows:

One professor

one Assistant Professor

Three Lecturers

Five Assistant lecturers

Three Demenstrators

N.B. Besides , the Department have three social workers to help in any socio-medical studies.

STUDENT BODY

- Duration of Community medicine course is one academic year,
- Number graduated academic year 1973/74-(400)
- Number graduated academic year 1974/74-(450)
- New enrolment academic year 1975/76-(490)
- Total number studying, academic year 1976/77-(550)

N.B. In Al-Azhar Faculty of Medicine, approximately 5% of the 4th year medical students belong to many arabian countries in the region as well as from other countries in the Far-East.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Under-graduate Teaching

It is focalized mainly in the up-date methods according to the new concepts of the medical education courses and adopted from Dundee Medical Education Centre & includes mainly

- a- Individualised teaching in the tutorials as well as groups problem-solving and assisted by audio-visual aids.
- b- Field Training particularly in a selected rural community , in order that the student should be involved in solving the major rural health problems & to create a comprehensive Family-Doctor relationship.

DEGREE PROGRAMMES & POST-GRADUATE TEACHING

- a- Diploma in Community & Preventive Medicine for one academic year course.
- b- Master Degree in Community & Preventive Medicine for two academic year course.
- c- Integrated post-graduate course in Community Medicine topics for those who are participated in those studying master degree in Paediatrics, Obst & Gynaecology, Tropical Medicine & Chest diseases

RESEARCH & SERVICES ACTIVITIES

- a- A house hold survey is now going on in the rural community of Kafr-Tohormus, Giza Province.
- b- Operational integrated research studies & mainly based on the epidemiological studies of rickets ophthalmias and Diabetes among rural as well as urban communities.

CO-OPERATION & COLLABORATION

- Close co-operation is recently achieved between the Community Medicine Departments belonging to Fahlavi University Shiraz, Khartoum Faculty of Medicine. and Al-Azhar Faculty of Medicine.
- The WHO Regional office in Alexandria (EMRO) is kindly & deeply committed in joint collaborative activities as follows:
 - 1- Implementation of Community Medicine teaching in the rural areas.
 - 2- Facilities have been given by EMRO to the Community Medicine Department in the form of exchange professor programme, besides WHO - short advisorship assignments to the Medical school of Khartoum.

OBJECTIVES:

- To implement the new concepts in medical education methodology of Community Medicine for both post & undergraduate students.
- To develop a comprehensive & systematic primary health care particularly among rural communities.
- To create an adequate Family-doctor relationship
- To help & assist in training & teaching Community Medicine in different medical schools both inside & outside the region.
- To accept & welcome any nominated members who are interesting in the field of Community Medicine practicability those directed from WHO(EMRO) office or from any other regions.
- To participate & help in any suggested future up-grading , refreshing courses or in-service training ones for both auxiliary , para-medical and medical personnel in the field of Community Medicine.