

1. Teaching and training activities

The department strives hard to obtain “State of art” teaching and learning aids. We satisfactorily fulfill our teaching commitments in line with our stated objectives of providing quality education to our medical and dental students in the Health Sciences Center. The elective courses for the 5th year students have proved very beneficial. Due to lack of staff, only up to 4 elective places per year are offered at present. Due to its popularity, the medical students have approached the department to accept students for summer electives. The Department has made provisions to accept one candidate this year for summer elective (2019) on trial basis, to be based at Mubarak hospital. With improved staffing, we can consider to increase the number up to 4 summer electives, placing 2 candidates each at Mubarak and Amiri hospital.

The department/interdepartmental consultations and necessary interactions with module coordinators are held at regular intervals and necessary modifications in the curriculum are undertaken in line with self-assessment and student feed input.

i. Undergraduate teaching

The department participates in teaching the radiology component in different modules. The topics covered are in coordination with the module coordinators of various systems/departments.

Teaching activities are conducted as lectures, tutorials, small group teaching in the following modules:

Phase II

Infection and Immunology

Musculoskeletal

Respiratory

Digestive

Renal

Reproductive & Breast

Nervous System

Phase III

Medical School Day lectures for Medicine and Surgery modules

System courses:

Cardiology

Gastrointestinal system

Respiratory system

Neuroradiology

Musculoskeletal

Endocrinology

Pediatrics

Obstetrics/Gynecology

Surgery Clinical

Electives:

The department undertakes 4 weeks per semester elective program for the 5th year (Phase 3) candidates. Due to staff deficiency only up to 4 elective places per year are offered at present. The objective of electives is to introduce the Radiology Specialty so that the students develop an interest as a long term career. The candidates are posted in the radiology department at the Mubarak hospital and undergo rotation in the various divisions (General Radiology + Fluoroscopy, Mammography, Ultrasound, CT and MRI) in the radiology department. The rotation in each division is supervised by the Faculty staff/tutors for monitoring attendance, one to one interaction and to ensure the objectives of the programme are met. At the end of the elective period, the assessment is in the form of:

1. Input from the supervising faculty/tutor during rotation.
2. Report submitted by the candidate with details of experience in the department, the variety of cases that they observed and impression of radiology as long term career.
3. Brief interview with a faculty staff to gauge aptitude/counselling towards radiology.

ii. Graduate / Postgraduate Teaching

The department makes substantial contribution to the post graduate Radiology training program, conducted by the Faculty of Radiology, Royal college of Surgeons in Ireland, administered by the Kuwait Institute of Medical Specialization (KIMS). Currently, there are 39 residents in Radiology department. One candidate is sponsored for scholarship directly by the Kuwait University. He is currently in year 3 and is undergoing training at the University of Toronto, Canada and is making satisfactory progress.

iii. Continuing Education Programme

The Department organizes and participates in several academic activities on a regular basis. These include Journal Clubs, Departmental and Faculty Seminars, Grand Rounds with Clinicians and Monthly Meetings with radiologists from all of the Hospitals in Kuwait. In addition, regular Symposia and Workshops were jointly organized through KIMS and Ministry of Health wherein our academic staff member also contribute in conjunction with the MOH staff. These CME activities are increasingly popular with high attendance from both MOH staff and the private sector. The staff regularly attend international conferences.

iv. Accreditation of Medical Education

The Department is actively participating in the process of getting medical education in the Faculty of Medicine accredited by the TEPDAD. All staff are contributing as per the requirements as out lined in the TEPDAD document.