Center for Research and Development in medical education and health services (CRD)  
A WHO Collaborating Center

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Introduction
As a WHO collaborating center in medical education and health research, CRD is considered a pioneer body in middle-east and Africa. It was established in year 1986, to fulfill the faculty needs in terms of curriculum reform and manpower development.

The center applying every 4 years for redesignation and accordingly it was redesignated on the year 1995, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2014

**Last redesignation: from March 2014 to March 2018**

Mission
To upgrade medical education and health services through manpower development and research on the local, national and regional levels

Vision:
Center of excellence in medical education serving the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Terms of References of the WHOCCRD
1. Support WHO with transformation of health professions education with special emphasis on medical education at the institutional, national and regional levels.

2. Upon request of WHO, initiate and conduct research in the field of workforce education in general and medical education in particular.

3. Work with WHO in promoting community oriented medical education at the regional and global level.
CRD activities:

1- Research
The center is conducting researches in the field of medical education. Also, the center is continuously documenting student's researches on the internet (www.crdfomscu.org)

2- Training
Many workshops, courses and conferences are conducted by the center in and out of the country in different themes of medical education, two international workshops are conducted each year:
1- Workshop on "human resource development in health management & leadership" (every December)
2- Workshop on "community- based education incorporating problem-based learning- innovative approaches"(every March)

The center is also conducting many workshops on the local and national levels in the following topics:

- Competency-based education
- Community-oriented / Community-based education
- Problem-based learning
- University / health services/ community partnership
- Best-evidence in medical education
- Distance/ On-line education
- Group dynamics
- Students' assessment
- Program evaluation
- Faculty of Medicine, Suez Canal University experience
- Use of audiovisual aids in education
- Curriculum development
- Total quality management

3- Consultations
The members of the center are offering consultations and organizing workshops inside & outside Egypt in the different fields of medical education