

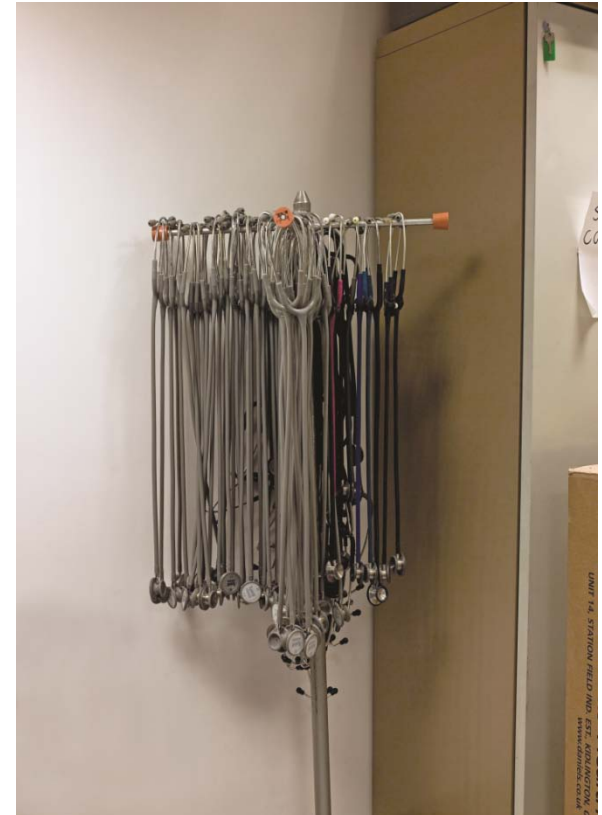
# The First Private Medical School in Cyprus: Experiences and Perspectives

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# Historical Note

- The Cyprus Program is a result of a partnership between St George's, University of London and the University of Nicosia



# St George's, University of London

- 250-year History
- John Hunter [1728-1793] The Father of modern Surgery
- Edward Jenner [1749-1823] The Father of Immunology. He created the Smallpox Vaccine
- Henry Gray [1827-1861] wrote the Bible of Anatomy
- 2010 Partnership with the University of Nicosia to offer the MBBS [MD in USA] Program in Cyprus



# The University of Nicosia

- The largest independent institution of Higher Education in Cyprus
- 20% of the 5000 students come from about 80 countries
- Over the past 20 years developed Health and life Sciences Programs such as Premedicine, Human Biology, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Sports Science
- Is actively involved in local and International research projects
- Received the Global 500 award from the UN



## The Admission Process

- A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with a 3.0 GPA
- A satisfactory score in either the MCAT [Medical College Admission Test] or the GAMSAT [Graduate Australian Medical College Admission Test]
- A Personal Interview

# The Curriculum

- Based on Problem Based Learning [PBL]
- Students work in Small Groups
- The Tutor acts as a facilitator



## The Curriculum (cont'd)

- Other Forms of teaching-Lectures, Clinical experience, expert Forums, Small and Large Group discussions, Role Play, Presentations, etc
- The students have available state-of-the-art Facilities and access to the same E-Learning resources available to the students in London
- The UK Quality Assurance Agency gave St George's 23 out of 24 score for excellence in Medical Education

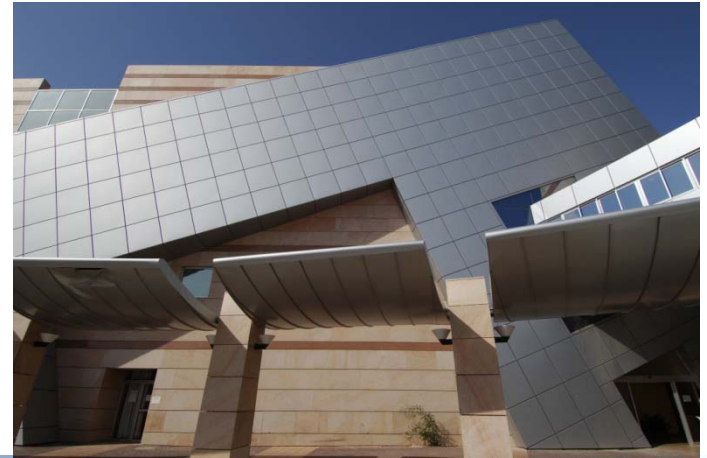
# The Modules of the Curriculum

- Life Cycle [Development, Early Childhood, Adolescence, Obstetrics, Aging, Death]
- Life Protection [Clinical Manifestations of the diseases, Protective mechanisms]
- Life support [Heart, Lung and circulation]
- Life maintenance [Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology]
- Life Structure [Anatomy, Physiology]
- Life Control [Nervous System, Mental Disorders]



# The Clinical experience

- The First Two Years in Cyprus
- The students get clinical exposure from the very beginning of their study
- The second Two Years in Tel Aviv
- Currently we are exploring other sites too
- The Sheba Medical Center :The most comprehensive Medical center in the Middle East [Has 900 physicians and 2200 Nurses]



# The Challenges

- Recruitment of Faculty
- Recruitment of Students
- Development state-of-the-art Facilities
- Adjustment to the Cyprus realities



# Current Status

## Medical Programme

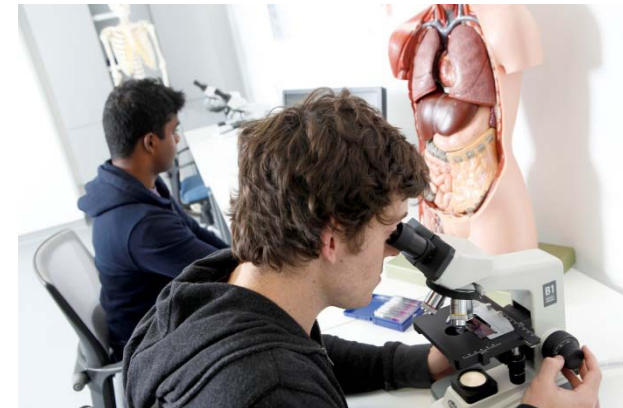
- We start with about 50 Full and Part Time Faculty
- The Class of 2015 started in September 2011 with 30 Students
- Our students come from: UK, USA, Canada, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Nigeria, India



# Current Status (cont'd)

## Medical Programme

- We just have moved to our new building where Offices, Classrooms, Anatomy Lab and E-Learning Facilities are available
- We navigated successfully through the validation process last June
- The Students will graduate with a degree from St George's, University of London



# Perspectives

- Continue to attract outstanding Faculty and promising Students
- Develop Research Programs [Already a number of Faculty have submitted Research Applications]
- Work closely with the Cyprus Medical Community
- Participate actively in Post graduate Education Programs in Cyprus
- Looking forward to strengthen our presence in the USA by having a Recruiting Office in New York