



Characteristics of International Accreditation Agencies: coincidences and discrepancies

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What we are

- ▶ PAFAMS is a non profit, academic organization founded on November 29, 1962 in Viña del Mar, Chile.
- ▶ Recognized by WHO-PAHO since 1965
 - Origins in Colombia, Mexico
 - Evolution, Rio de Janeiro, Bogota, Caracas
 - Programs / Strategic alliances
- ▶ Founding and Regional Member of WFME
- ▶ Affiliates the Medical Associations and Medical Schools in the American continent

816 Medical Schools are affiliated (77%)



- More than 2268 medical schools exist in 165 countries

- More than 816 medical schools are in the Americas (36.8%)

PAFAMS Directors Council 2016 – 2019



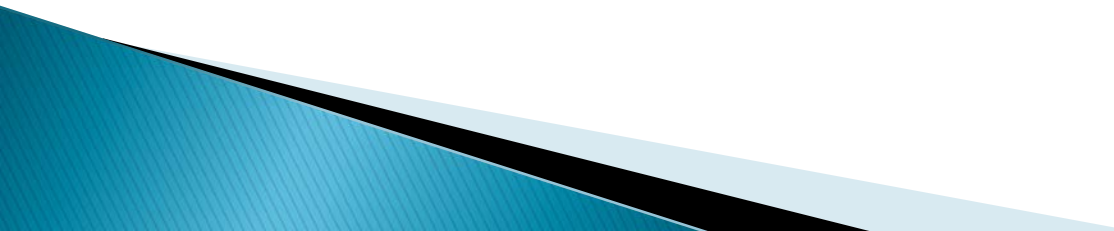
PAFAMS Strategic Planning Panama, City 2017



Where did the accreditation idea came from?

World Federation for Medical Education.

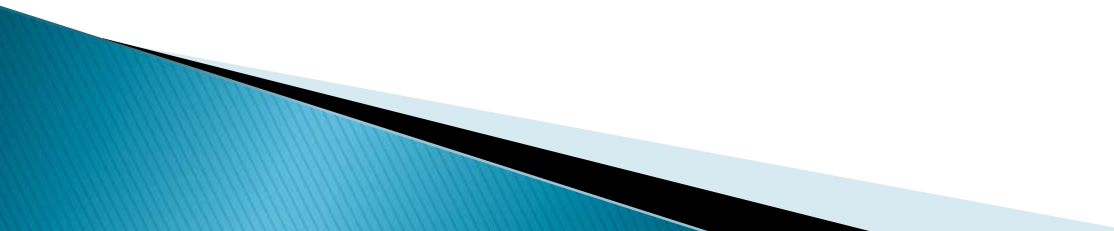
International Collaborative Program for the Reorientation of Medical Education.

- ▶ In 1994, WFME undertook to extend the Reorientation of Medical Education Program to focus more in the direction of the individual educational institutions.
 - ▶ Objectives were formulated to stimulate all medical schools and related educational institutions to identify and formulate their specific needs for reform and quality improvement, by assessing their own strengths, weaknesses, potentials, capabilities and needs for change
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International Collaborative Program for the Reorientation of Medical Education.

- ▶ WFME aimed to establish a system of national and, in the future, international accreditation of educational programs for assuring minimal quality requirements in medical education, as a basis for international approval of doctors and for exchange of medical students.

ECFMG to Require Medical School Accreditation for International Medical School Graduates Seeking Certification Beginning in 2023

- ▶ In July 2010, ECFMG® determined that, effective in 2023, physicians applying for ECFMG Certification will be required to graduate from a medical school that has been appropriately accredited. To satisfy this requirement, an applicant's medical school must be accredited through a formal process that uses criteria comparable to those established for U.S. medical schools by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or that uses other globally accepted criteria, such as those put forth by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME).
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Executive Council WFME



The following accrediting agencies have been recognized by WFME, in alphabetical order by country or region:

Country	Name	Until
Australia and New Zealand	Australian Medical Council (AMC)	January 2028
Canada	Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS)	April 2024
CARICOM countries, Countries of the Caribbean Community	Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP)	May 2022
Caribbean countries, selected	Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM)	December 2026
Japan	Japan Accreditation Council for Medical Education (JACME)	March 2027

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Kazakhstan	Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR)	January 2028
Korea	Korean Institute of Medical Education and Evaluation (KIMEE)	September 2026
Turkey	The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD)	July 2023
United States of America	Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)	April 2024

The following accrediting agencies have submitted an application to WFME, in alphabetic order by country or region:

Country	Name	Estatus
Brazil	National System of Evaluation of Higher Education (SINAES)	Site visit complete
Egypt	National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAEE)	Site visit September 2018
Francophone countries world-wide	Conférence Internationale des Doyens et des Facultés de Médecine d'Expression Française (CIDMEF)	
Georgia	National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE)	Site visit June 2018

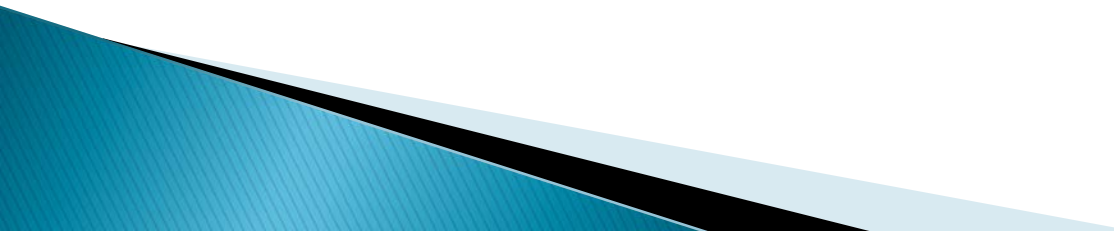
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Country	Name	Estatus
Indonesia	Independent Accreditation Body for Health Professional Education (LAM-PTKes)	Site visit complete
Iran	National Council for Undergraduate Medical Education	
Israel	Council for Higher Education	
Mexico	Mexican Board for Accreditation of Medical Education (COMAEM)	
Netherlands and Flanders	Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO)	Site visit complete

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Country	Name	Estatus
Sudan	Sudan Medical Council (SMC)	Site visit complete
Taiwan	Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan	Site visit December 2018
Thailand	Institute for Medical Education Accreditation (IMEAc)	Site visit complete

International Accreditation Institute (IAI)

- ▶ In April of 2018 IAI submitted an application of all the appropriate documents translated into English to obtain full recognition by the WFME.
 - ▶ IAI is waiting the response in the following weeks
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