

Table 1 Number of medical schools in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region according to 4 different directories

Country	IMED ^b		Avicenna Directory ^c	HPED ^d	IIME Database ^e
	Registered schools	Active schools			
Iran (IR)	56	51	47	44	46
Pakistan	52	50	67	26	33
Saudi Arabia	25	25	16	17	5
Sudan ^a	25	25	27	24	14
Egypt	21	19	22	19	11
Iraq	15	15	16	23	12
Libya	11	11	7	11	4
Lebanon	7	7	5	6	5
Syrian Arab Republic	7	7	7	6	3
Afghanistan	6	6	6	5	4
Yemen	6	6	6	6	2
United Arab Emirates	5	5	4	4	2
Jordan	4	4	5	4	2
Morocco	4	4	5	4	4
Tunisia	4	4	4	4	4
Bahrain	2	2	3	3	1
Oman	2	2	2	2	2
Palestine	2	2	–	4	–
Kuwait	1	1	1	1	1
Qatar	1	1	1	1	1
Somalia	1	1	2	4	2
Djibouti	–	–	–	1	–
Total	257	248	253	219	158

^aIncluding South Sudan.

^bInternational Medical Education Directory [5]; ^cAVICENNA Directory of Medical Schools, FAIMER [6]; ^d Health Professions Education Directory, World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean [7]; ^eDatabase of Medical Schools 2005, Institute for International Medical Education [8].