



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**19th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
21st SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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***RESOLUTION***

***CD19.R35***

**MEDICAL EDUCATION**

*THE 19<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having examined the report of the Director on the medical education programs undertaken by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in collaboration with the various countries (Document CD19/16);<sup>1</sup>  
Bearing in mind the urgency and importance of giving an impetus in the countries of the Region to programs for the development of health manpower, in particular manpower connected with medical education;

Having noted with satisfaction the direction being given by the Department of Human Resources Development of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to its programs for collaboration with the Governments in the field of medical education in the Hemisphere; and

Considering the interest expressed by various universities of the Region in the review of their medical education programs, on the basis of objective information, with a view to bringing the training of health personnel more into line with the needs of the individual countries,

***RESOLVES***

1. To urge the countries to review their programs for health personnel training on the multidisciplinary or health team basis in order to cater for the needs of the various services and to introduce new types of program and teaching structures more in line with the new orientation.
2. To express satisfaction with the Director's approach to medical education programs and to recognize the value of research on the teaching of medicine carried out by the Organization, and to request him to continue to provide the countries with assistance in studies of this type.
3. To recommend to the Director that he continue to give priority attention to continental programs for the development of health manpower in general.
4. To instruct the Director to pay special attention to medical education programs and to the close relationship they need to have with educational and training programs for other types of health personnel, along the lines set forth in Document CD19/16.
5. To request the Director to continue the close cooperation of the Bureau with universities and institutions of higher education in general that have responsibility for medical education in the various countries.
6. To reiterate the need to establish interinstitutional relations for the development of plans and the execution of training programs for health personnel and, in particular, the desirability of closer relations between ministries of health, universities, social security institutes, and national professional institutions.

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