

# Background of the School

St. George's University School of Medicine (SGUSOM) received a charter in 1976 by an act of the Grenada House of Parliament. This followed a two-year feasibility study that highlighted the advantages of such an institution to Grenada and its Caribbean neighbors. The first class began studies on January 17, 1977. The administration, faculty and students were selected from throughout the world.

SGUSOM is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools and is fully accredited by the Government of Grenada to confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The first two years of the MD program takes place in Grenada. In addition, the school offers students the option of the first year in Newcastle Upon Tyne in the United Kingdom, in the St. George's University Of Grenada School Of Medicine/ Northumbria University MD Program. This program was instituted in January 2007, in partnership with Northumbria University. At the end of the first year, students from the St. George's University Northumbria program join the Grenada cohort for year 2 of the MD program. Following successful completion of the first two years, students continue their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical studies at affiliated teaching hospitals in the US and/or UK.

St. George's University also provides undergraduate and professional education through its School of Arts and Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine and School of Graduate Studies. Each of the Schools are fully operational and have their own respective faculty and senate structures.