

Table 1 Sample indicators for each area of accreditation in the Iranian national accreditation system for medical universities (illustrating 1 sample standard for each area and 1 sample indicator under each standard, with their relevant codes)

Area		Standard (sample)		Indicator (sample)	
	Mission and goals	S1A1	The mission and goals of the university and its units are clear and announced.	I1S1A1	There are written long-term and short-term objectives for the university and its units.
A2	Management	S6A2	There is a proper system for performance evaluation of staff.	I1S6A2	The evaluation forms are in accordance with staff job descriptions.
A3	Resources and facilities	S6A3	There is proper physical space in the schools of the university.	I1S6A3	The number of classes is sufficient for the number of students and course units presented.
A4	Staff education	S3A4	There is a proper programme for staff education.	I1S3A4	Educational programmes are designed according to the needs assessment of the staff (based on personal and institutional priorities).
A5	Continuing education of graduates	S3A5	There are suitable continuing education programmes for the medical community.	I4S3A5	There is a continuous evaluation system for continuing education programmes and its results are applied for improving the programmes.
A6	Faculty members	S3A6	There is an appropriate system for evaluating and promoting faculty members.	I1S3A6	The annual evaluation of faculty members is performed by students and administrators based on specific criteria and through specified procedures.
A7	Student services	S1A7	The necessary services are provided for students.	I7S1A7	Appropriate sociopsychological counselling is provided for students.
A8	Research	S1A8	The research activities are properly planned, managed and monitored.	I3S1A8	There are long-term and short-term programmes in the institution for promoting the quality of research.
A9	Student education	S2A9	Appropriate and active teaching methods are supported.	I1S2A9	Teaching methods workshops are run regularly in the institution.
A10	Clinical education	S5A10	The hospital clinics are appropriate for education.	I1S5A10	Outpatient files are accessible for education and research.