

MOTEC'S APRIL 09 TEAMS HIT NEW HEIGHTS



Motec with Staff at Akosombo

Motec has completed a three week educational tour of target hospitals in Ghana. A seven member team left the UK for Ghana in early April. All have returned with the exception of one. The tour involved multi-disciplinary teams of pharmacists, orthopaedic surgeons, and a medical pharmacist in the pharmaceutical business, Nurses and an Information Technology expert.

The main team of three experts were initially based at Akosombo VRA Hospital and were joined by a local expert from the Ghana Police Hospital. The key activity at Akosombo was education. Lecture series covering sickle cell bone and joint disease, responsible prescribing, principles of fracture management, congenital musculo-skeletal anomalies and others. Lectures were very well attended and were accredited by the Medical and Dental Council of Ghana. Beneficiaries of the programme included final year medical students, rotational House Officers and Surgical Residents from the University Teaching Hospital Korle-Bu, Accra, Midwifery students and the staff of Akosombo VRA Hospital. Clinical services were also delivered during the working visit.



Mr Sheraz Malik, Delivering a lecture at the Conference Room, Akosombo VRA Hospital



Some of the lecture participants at Akosombo

A similar program of education and clinical work was delivered at the Nkawkaw Holy Family Hospital where the lecture series and symposia at the Nurses Training College also proved very popular. Over 600 certificates were issued to lecture participants during the working visit.



Dr Sarah Daniels delivering lecture at Nkawkaw Nurses Training College

The main team proceeded on a marathon trip to the Ashanti, Western and Upper West Regions of Ghana. At Asafo in the Western Region, the team reviewed progress of work on volunteer's accommodation and the International Surgical Centre, both projects pioneered by Motec and sponsored by the Order of St John of God, Dublin.



INSIDE - OUT OF THE VOLUNTEER'S ACCOMMODATION, SEFWI ASAFO

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In Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti region, Motec held talks with Dr Anthony Nsiah-Asare regarding orthopaedic trauma training input. It was agreed that lecture series, workshops and surgery should help and Motec pledged to support the University. The first step would be an intensive program starting in October 2009 with Motec team. Other related issues were discussed. MIDA sponsorship of an Anaesthetist for training in London was also formalised.



Motec's Sheraz with Dr Nsiah-Asare, the C.E.O. of Kumasi Teaching Hospital

After a 7 hour drive from Kumasi, Motec team arrived at Jirapa in the Upper West and almost immediately set to business with the hospital administration and the authorities of the triple purpose College (General Nursing, Midwifery and Community Health College).



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*The Road to Jirapa
The Black Volta Bridge and the unending stretch of road and poverty*

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At the end, a Motec volunteer was left behind in Jirapa to provide education for two weeks. The individual, a mid-wife is also expected to provide training to staff of a village Maternity Home near Kumasi.

At Koforidua, two Motec Recourse Personnel Steve and Dave donated orthopaedic power tools and assessed the Internet facilities of the hospital providing technical services where necessary.

All but one of the volunteers are back in the U.K. Recommendations have been made in Motec's official reports to improve the trauma care facilities at Nkawkaw (including traction table), implementation of the Health and Safety Scheme for the Disadvantaged in Jirapa and others, appointment of resident physiotherapists at the target hospitals.

Motec wishes to express sincere gratitude to our hosts in Ghana for the wonderful care including individual friends of Motec. The teams for June and October trips are already preparing for the tasks ahead.