

Dr Akosua Serwaa Hemeng from Kumasi Teaching Hospital Makes the Most of I.T.U. Exposure and Experience in London.

In 2008, Motec was engaged in talks over a two way training programme for Health workers in Ghana and the United Kingdom. Motec was making every effort to pay working visits to Ghana which involved training, education, transfer of skills. During one such visit to Ghana, Motec delivered a lecture on ABCDE of resuscitation at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) in Kumasi Ghana. There were interactions between the Hospital staff and Authorities on one hand and Motec Recourse Personnel and Northwick Park Hospital/ Royal College of Anaesthesia on the other. Following this visits requests from the Hospital were taken on by Dr Mike Brunner, a consultant Anaesthetist of Northwick Park Hospital and a member of the Educational Committee of Motec.

Collaboration with between Motec and Migration and Development In Africa (MIDA) seemed to be the only immediate hope of securing sponsorship of any such training programme for the health workers. Dr Anthony Nsiah Asare the Chief executive of KATH worked relentlessly for the selection of a candidate for training that would bring improvements in patient care. He selected Dr Hemeng, an anaesthetist for training in Intensive Therapy and it was very good he did.

Dr Hemeng, the candidate nominated by Dr Nsiah Asare has been in the UK since 26th October sponsored by a MIDA – Motec collaboration and is currently half way though her three-month observational training at Northwick Park Hospital in London.

‘I am enjoying my training and practically seeing how things can be done in a better way. No imaginations of how things should be done. I am seeing these on the ground. The good thing is that some of the equipment are actually available in my hospital waiting to be used to the full.’ She said.

It is hoped that Dr Hemeng will be a useful trainer in Ghana and could transform ITU care in Kumasi and Ghana as a whole. In a reaction to Dr Hemeng’s remarks at a meeting in Hemel Hempstead, Mr Ofori-Atta expressed his satisfaction with reports from Dr Hemeng’s educational supervisors and the

short term achievements of the Ghanaian doctor. He also expressed his gratitude to Dr Mike Brunner, Northwick Park Hospital Authorities and MIDA Ghana for their contribution to the programme. 'It is my hope that this can be extended to cover other specialties. The duration of the training will be an area that may have to be reviewed after Dr Hemeng's training.' He said.

Dr Hemeng had the opportunity to meet some key members of Motec. Pictures of the meeting are shown below.



Dr Hemeng on a cold morning in Hemel Hempstead



Dr Hemeng sits in at a Motec meeting in Hemel Hempstead.