

**MOTEC Annual Review- October 2006 – October 2007.**

**EDUCATION**

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Before our first visit to Ghana in October 2006, most our membership knew little of what to expect on ground. Subsequent to the trip, and following a request from the Nursing staff at Koforidua St Joseph's Hospital to teach, a comprehensive review of skills, training, and the needs of the staff at St Joseph's, we prepared our educational program for the year ahead.

In the February (2006) trip, we concentrated on physiotherapy, avascular necrosis (AVN) and OA of the hip, different treatments which included Total Hip Replacements and Resurfacing, Trauma care. Sarah followed this up with rehabilitation of the THR and post trauma surgery, which both Physiotherapy and ward staff could follow. During this period we also lectured on perioperative care and infection control with Ray presenting an absorbing lecture on TB both at St Joseph's and at Central Hospital.

At Central Hospital we presented a morning lecture session, which included an array of lectures to a cross section of staff from the Hospital. These lectures were well received and we gained some very positive feedback and encouragement to carry on and prepare for the next trip.

The educational program carried out in the June visit was planned around topics that had been requested by the staff at St Joseph's hospital during the February trip. Areas of particular interest

highlighted were trauma nursing, fracture management and resuscitation techniques. With this in mind, we planned a two-week program of lectures, (copies of which and a full report is available on our web site [www.moteclife.co.uk](http://www.moteclife.co.uk)).

It was during this visit that a team first visited the Holy family at NkawKaw. This program was again well attended and well received by the staff as it was at St Joseph's the team worked hard and which was rewarded by the support from the Hospital. The team visited the Holy Family Hospital again in October, which again was well received and well presented.

At St Joseph's however the October visit educational program did not happen, the Hospital was extremely short of staff and internal politics at the hospital created difficulties with team members which affected our ability to carry out the formal lectures. However, Marian and Sarah did sterling work on the wards with training whilst working along side staff and with patient education.

Also during this visit some of the members whilst visiting outreach Hospitals were able to organise training sessions at Pramso and Sefwi-Asato, which again were well received.

As an overview of training needs in the Hospitals, we concentrate on infection control, patient and staff safety. It is still evident that after a year in Ghana, there is still a lack of any recovery or post anaesthesia development. Patient information, consent and pain

management are areas appear neglected and in many cases staff are following practices that in our opinion, falls short of our 'anticipated safety standards even in a poor economic conditions'.

**Even though it was disheartening at St Joseph's this last visit (October), the support that we have been given from other Hospitals and their thirst for knowledge and development is invigorating and will motivate us to carry on.**

**Much work is needed and Motec has been asked to help develop Trauma services. With this in mind education is needed at all levels so that we can help Ghana to provide services which they so desperately need.**

**Teaching in Ghana is a challenging experience to all; much that we have in the UK is not available within the Hospitals so we remember to be adaptable with your lectures and are aware of limitations on facilities available. We hope to encourage the use of these facilities through education to the full.**