

## **MOTEC JUNE TEAM RETURNS**

A Motec travelling team of five returned from Ghana at the end of June after a two week working visit. The multi-skilled team provided clinical work, lectures and held discussions with authorities at various target hospitals concentrating on Akosombo, Koforidua, Nkawkaw, Pramso and Asafo. Meetings were also held with the District and Regional Medical Officer of Health –Western Region, The Sefwi Asafo Catholic Diocesan Health Representative, The former Health Minister, The Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Secretariat, The Director of the Ghana National Ambulance Service, The head of Department of Internal Medicine – Professor Francis Ofei and the Rector of the Ghana College of Surgeons, Professor Paul Nyame - all in connection with improvements in Health Care Delivery in Ghana. It is hoped that a workshop for the training of paramedics in Ghana may happen through the auspices of Motec in the near future. Members of team were very stretched by the heavy itinerary but were delighted by the impact of their work. At the top of the agenda of the working visit was the arrangement to establish an International Surgical Centre at Sefwi Asafo through a sponsorship by Mr John Mitchell and Bro Laurence Kearns of Dublin. An action plan to get the Centre ready for use has been agreed. Mr Ofori-Atta, Orthopaedic Surgeon, led the travelling team of – Dr Vimisha Patel – Orthodontist, Dr Atul Anand- Orthopaedic Specialist, Dr Christine Ama Amakye-Anaesthetist and Mrs Veronica Mac-Quarshie – Theatre Sister. The team is grateful to the Authorities in Ghana for their co-operation with Motec. Three Motec teams for October this year are already being organised for Ghana.