

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL VISIT IN JUNE 2008

By

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A team of five motec members paid an educational visit to five target hospitals in Ghana from 11/06/2008-29/06/2008 namely-Akosombo, Nkwakaw general hospital, Koforidua General Hospital, Pramso and Asafo hospitals. The team liaised and collaborated with staff members of the target hospitals to produce effective work. Lectures were organised in the hospital lecture halls and one to one lectures in the theatre or the clinics. Lectures were given in all the five target hospital group and individuals/one to one of the target hospital. With the spirit of team effort an effective work, education and quality perioperative patient care was rendered. The team comprised of:

Orthopaedic consultant - Mr Paul Ofori-Atta,

Orthopaedic registrar - Dr K Atul,

Anaesthetist - Dr. Christine Amakye

Theatre nurse - Veronica Mac-Quarshie

Orthodontist - Dr. Vimisha Patel.



The members worked very hard focusing on clinics, pre and post operative visits, running of theatre list, and giving of lectures

Surgical Procedures – The team performed number of successful surgical cases (twenty -eight surgical procedures) during the visit including Total Hip Replacements, Osteotomies, Arthroscopies, ACL Reconstruction, and Caudal Epidural injections and local injections to joints.

Educational lectures - From 16/06/08-26/06/08

Lectures were given in all the above hospitals on the following topics:

TOPIC	LECTURED BY
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FRACTURE HEALING	PAUL OFORI-ATTA
ANALYSIS OF DENTAL DATA	VIMISHA PATEL
IMPORTANCE OF CORRECT SITE SURGERY	VERONICA MAC-QUARSHIE
PERI-OPERATIVE CARE	CHRISTINE AMAKYE
PAIN MANAGEMENT	CHRISTINE AMAKYE
IMPORTANCE OF SWABS AND INSTRUMENT COUNT	VERONICA MAC-QUARSHIE
SCRUB TECHNIQUE	VERONICA MAC-QUARSHIE

Copies of the lectures were saved on the hospital laptop as well as information leaflet, handouts and posters were given to the hospital administrator and theatre sisters.

Clinical Issue in the theatres observed were as follows:

- Theatre time turnover was not efficiently utilised due to shortage of staff
- Theatre aseptic technique was not utilised properly
- Swabs instrument and sharps were not counted before and after procedure
- Theatre care documentation were not adequate

ACTION TAKEN

- I had a chat with the hospital administrator and theatre sisters about the utilisation of theatre time.
- I discussed the importance of swab, instrument and sharp count and gave them a copy of policy in a poster form.
- I had a one to one teaching of infection control in theatre.
- Importance of correct site marking before surgery was also discussed and a copy of correct site verification check list poster was given to them.
- Discussed with one of the theatre sisters in one of the target hospital about the importance and how to document swabs and sharp count on a board to ensure correct count pre and postoperatively.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The following clinical issues need to be emphasised by continuous education
2. Aseptic technique

3. Theatre documentations (pre-assessment check list peri-operative care plan and swab count)
4. Correct site surgery markings