

## **EDUCATIONAL REPORT JUNE 2007**

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 are available on the web site).

### **The Venue at St Joseph's**

The lecture hall, which backs onto the church, is large and can easily seat 50 people. The Hall's acoustics are reasonable, although it is affected by the noise from the outpatients department and the general traffic of cars and people as it is situated on the front drive to the hospital. There are no teaching aids available except for a microphone, which needs to be arranged in advance if required. However, we soon became resourceful with a bed sheet, a wooden frame and a couple of rocks. Hopefully with the arrival of our projector screen, in Ghana, this will improve in future

The lectures at St Joseph's were well attended mainly by the ward staff and student's nurses. Some of the theatre staff did attend but they found it difficult to be released, as they were needed to prepare for their theatre lists. Although the lectures were planned to start at 07.30hrs and an hour in duration, we soon realised that in reality they would rarely started before 8am due to staff hand over on the ward and the student nurses bus, which was often late arriving.

There were a few issues raised which we plan to address on our next visit. This included lectures on paediatric care and a program that is more theatre specific. To be able to carry this out in the October visit we will run general lectures for the first week and during the second week, we will base them within the actual departments. We will also ask to provide information on pre-assessment of patients and consent. Consent for surgery is a major problem within some areas of the hospital as the nursing staff are currently carrying this out for which they do not feel qualified to do.

### **Program at NKawKaw**

The program at the Holy Family Hospital was again well attended and well received. The lecture hall was based within the school of nursing so the facilities were superior to St Joseph's with the Motec members being able to do presentations on power point. Mr Raymond (Motec Surgeon) donated a wealth of nursing care books to the student nurses, which was greatly received.

We have learnt a few lessons on this trip, which will help us for the October program in particular, do not rely on electricity and take paper copies of your notes with you.

The staff requested that we take copies of the lecture notes to leave with them, or if possible could we create educational folders for them, which we shall do.

Teaching in Ghana was a challenging experience for us all; much that we have in the UK is not available to the staff at St Joseph's so be aware when preparing your lectures, base them on not only the ideal as well as what is available in Ghana!

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