



CHEST STAFF GIVE FACELIFT TO MALE WARD



Six staff of the Chest Clinic have pooled personal resources to renovate the male ward of the clinic. The staff were Dr Jane Afriyie Mensah, Head of Unit; Dr Abraham Agyei, Specialist; Sheikh Ibrahim Ibn Saana, Pharmacist; Lydia Ashely, DDNS; Nelly Arthur, PNO and Winnifred Amoako Essien, PNO.

The renovation included repainting the ward, changing all sockets and replacing the leaky roof.

The DDNS of the Clinic, Nelly Arthur, disclosed that the nature of the ward was extremely bad and was not fit to be occupied by patients. She said the lights were off, beds broken and the entire ward looked rugged. “We decided to contribute something small from our pockets to renovate the place”, she added.

DDNS Arthur said that the Unit has requested support from Central Management to complete the obsolete

Positive Ward whose inoperation has led to mixing positive and negative cases in the same ward.

The Clinic has also requested support to renovate the bathroom of the male ward to create a more comfortable situation for patients.



PROACTIVENESS OF STAFF STOPS FIRE OUTBREAK AT MEDICAL ICU

A fire outbreak at the Medical ICU which was started by an electrical fault from a socket did not get out of hand due to the quick thinking and reaction of the staff on duty.

The staff on duty took all the necessary steps to evacuate the three patients who were in the ICU to safety. The patients were later transferred to the University of Ghana Medical Centre to allow for the refurbishment of the ICU for re-occupation.

The staff continued to give care to the patients at the Ghana Medical Centre.

The CEO, Dr. Opoku Ware Ampomah who was on hand to help with the emergency commended the

staff for their heroic acts which saved the situation. He also commended the fire service for the promptness they displayed in dealing with the emergency.



Staff members of the Medical ICU with the CEO, Dr. Opoku Ware-Ampomah (Middle)

ADB GHANA SUPPORTS FORMER K'BU BOARD CHAIR TO DONATE MONITORS

ADB Ghana Limited, a medical supplies company, has supported Deputy Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Bernard Okoe-Boye to present 10 patient monitors to the Hospital.

The presentation of the patient monitors is to support the Hospital provide enhanced care to critically-ill patients. The receiving areas were Department of Child Health, the Accident and Emergency Centre and the Medical ICU.

In an interview after presenting the monitors, Dr. Okoe-Boye said when he was the Board Chair of Korle Bu there were calls from Child Health and the A&E Centre for monitors.

He said being a health worker and knowing the important role such equipment play in patient care, he partnered the Ministry of Health to seek sponsorship from several entities, until ADB Ghana agreed to support.

He said he had made an initial request for five monitors but the company had graciously doubled his request.

He expressed his gratitude to the Company for their prompt response and readiness to support healthcare delivery.

Receiving the items on behalf of the Hospital, the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Opoku Ware Ampomah thanked the Deputy Minister for his constant support to Korle Bu.

He noted that even though he had left the Chairmanship to become Deputy Minister, Dr. Okoe-Boye continues to assist the Hospital in several endeavours.

He also thanked ADB Ghana Limited for their support. He assured ADB that the Hospital would make the most out of the monitors for optimal patient care.



Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Bernard Okoe-Boye (left) handing over the monitors to the CEO, Dr. Opoku Ware Ampomah

A&E CENTRE HONOURS THREE RETIREES

The Accident & Emergency Centre has recognized the contributions of three retired staff for their selfless and dedicated services.

Recipients of the awards were Dr. Kakra Condua, former HOD; Madam Dora Aku Agbo, retired theatre nurse and Mr. Christopher Nyarko, retired head orderly. They received a citation of honour, GhC 2,000 and a 42' inch TV set, GhC 1,000 and a table top refrigerator, GhC 1,000 and a table top refrigerator respectively.

The presentation was made during the last monthly meeting of the Department for the year at the

Accident & Emergency conference room.



Mr. Christopher Nyarko receiving his award from Dr. Harry Akoto (Dep. Dir. of Medical Affairs)



Dr. Akoto (Dep. Dir. of Medical Affairs) presenting a plaque to Dr. Kakra Condua



Madam Dora Aku Agbo taking her award from Dr. Akoto (Dep. Dir. of Medical Affairs)

OMNIBSIC BANK DONATES TO KORLE BU BREAST CANCER UNIT

Financial hub, OmniBsic Bank donated a cheque of GHS 10,000 to the Breast Cancer Unit of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

The donation forms part of the bank's corporate social responsibility as well as helping to raise breast cancer awareness among the public.

On presenting the cheque, a representative from the Corporate Communications of OmniBsic Bank, Mr. Christian Atisu Jnr. said education about breast cancer awareness is usually very low. "We thought it wise that as a brand, we should associate with it. One key aspect of our core values is to be responsive to the needs of communities that we operate in", he added.

According to Mr Atisu, management of the bank came together in October, to raise funds in support of the needs of breast cancer patients; and Korle Bu was one of the several options available.

He described the donation as a step in the right direction and added that, "we need to educate people a

lot more on the dangers associated with breast cancer issues", adding, "as part of activities, each staff paid GHS5.00 and that was what has culminated into this amount."

Mr Atisu assured that the donation would be an annual event and called on other organizations to emulate such gestures.

Dr Josephine Nsafu, who received the donation, thanked the bank for the gesture and called for more of such donations.



OBSERVANCE OF COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

There has been a gradual increase in Covid-19 infections in the country. This development gives cause for great concern and brings to the fore the need for all staff to rededicate ourselves to the strict adherence to the Covid-19 protocols.

This includes the wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing as well as the enforcement of the single entry and exit policy in the departments.

Management urges all staff to strictly observe these life-saving protocols. Efforts are being made to provide sufficient Personal Protective Equipment to ensure that staff safely deliver care to patients.

All departmental Covid-19 Teams and the central Covid-19 Technical Team should reactivate their activities to minimize the spread of the disease in the Hospital.

Management

GIWA SUPPORTS KORLE BU CHILD HEALTH WITH DIAPERS

The Ghana Italian Women Association (GIWA) has donated 100 boxes of diapers to the Department of Child Health to support them provide enhanced care to patients.

This is part of the Association's social responsibility drive to support the health system in Ghana.

The President of the Association, Baldi Leone Rosaria said they are a group of Italian ladies resident in Ghana who come together to mobilize resources for the development of the community in which they live.

She said the Association has been supporting people in diverse areas of the society including porters.

Mrs. Rosaria promised that they would continue to support the hospital to provide seamless services to patients.

The Hospital's CEO, Dr Opoku Ware Ampomah, who received the items said the Association remains one of the long standing partners of Korle Bu and

had over the years donated several medical consumables and equipment to the Hospital.

He noted that the Association presented an Ambulance to the Surgical Department in 2012, adding that "we have known you for your good works and Ghana is grateful".

The CEO assured the Association that the Hospital will continue to partner with them for the benefit of our patients.



OBST AND GYNAE GRADUATES PREGNANT MOTHERS

The Korle Bu Obst & Gynae Department in November graduated and presented certificates to 50 pregnant women and new mothers.



The graduation ceremony was the second edition of the Mothercraft and Pregnancy School of the Sub-BMC.

Graduands were pregnant women and new mothers who had been taken through the rudiments of pregnancy and motherhood.

The event was chaired by Dr. Isaac Koranteng, the Head of the department and was attended by the Director of Public Health, Nursing and Midwifery Services, Senior Doctors and Midwives of the department.



In his remarks, the chairman for the occasion talked about the significance of the school and how it is impacting knowledge to pregnant mothers towards reducing and eliminating mother-baby mortality.

Senior Nursing Officer, Mavis Armah Quaye, who is the leader of the organising committee thanked Management for their support towards the mothercraft school.

She called on all pregnant women, irrespective of where they attend clinic, to take advantage of the school every second and fourth Saturday in every month.

She also called on government, donor agencies and individuals to partner the mothercraft school as it has the potential to drive away mother and baby mortality from Ghana.



The graduands were presented with certificates and gift packs whilst the graduands also presented citations and gift items to their teachers and the mothercraft school.

Graduands were also given the opportunity to share their experiences.



CEO EMBARKS ON WORKING VISIT TO SUB-BMCS, GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS



The Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital, Dr Opoku Ware Ampomah has commenced working visits to the various Units/Departments/Sub-BMCs (UDS), groups and associations within the Hospital to understand their needs, challenges and expectations in their operations.

The CEO used the opportunity to interact with staff who expressed joy for his appointment as the Chief Executive of Korle Bu. He assured staff that Management is poised to respond to their welfare needs and his Administration will operate an open door policy to make Korle Bu a welcome haven for both staff and clients.

Paramount in his message to staff are the promises of a comprehensive free healthcare for all staff related packages. Dr. Ampomah indicated that staff training and capacity building were a priority to him and therefore called on all UDSs to submit training needs of their staff to management for subsequent action.

Below are pictures of the CEO with staff at the various departments he visited.



TIME WITH THE ORDERLIES



MEETING WITH CONSULTANTS



MEETING WITH HSWU



WELFARE EXECUTIVES MEET NEW CEO



CEO'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE OF GHANA REGISTERED NURSES AND MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION (GRNMA)



MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE OF K'BU DOCTORS ASSOCIATION (KODA)



TIME WITH STAFF OF ANAESTHESIA DEPARTMENT



CEO WITH STAFF OF ACCIDENT CENTRE



GROUP PICTURE WITH HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS



ENGAGEMENT WITH RESIDENTS & MED. OFFICERS



SOME STAFF OF RADIOLOGY WITH CEO



CEO'S MEETING WITH CHILD HEALTH



STAFF OF OBS & GYNAE TAKE THEIR TURN WITH THE CEO



MEETING WITH DIETHERAPY UNIT



MEETING WITH STAFF OF CSSD



CEO MEETS WITH A&E STAFF



CEO WITH STAFF OF POLYCLINIC / FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT



STAFF OF PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT MET THE CEO



CEO WITH SOME STAFF OF RADIOTHERAPY & NUCLEAR MEDICINE CENTRE



PHARMACY WELCOMES CEO

JACKIE APPIAH REFURBISHES ONCOLOGY DAY CARE ON HER BIRTHDAY

Ghanaian actress, Jackie Appiah, as part of her birthday celebration on Saturday 5th December 2020 refurbished the Paediatric Oncology Day Care of the Hospital.

The renovation works included repainting of the entire ward, fixing of washrooms, fixing of new cots, among others. Aside the refurbishment, the actress presented soft drinks, water, toys and crochet to some of the children at the department.

At the opening of the ward named “Jackie’s Corner”, the actress revealed that her motive was in honor of a friend she lost to sickle cell in 2019. She

said her wish is to see children living with sickle cell forget their pain while on admission.

The Head of the Paediatric Sickle Cell Clinic, Dr. Catherine Segbefia hinted that the idea of having a furnished ward has always been her vision, adding, the refurbished ward would enhance care delivery to patients. She expressed her profound gratitude for the gesture.

The Head of Public Relations, Mr Mustapha Salifu and Dr. Catherine Segbefia were there to receive the donation.



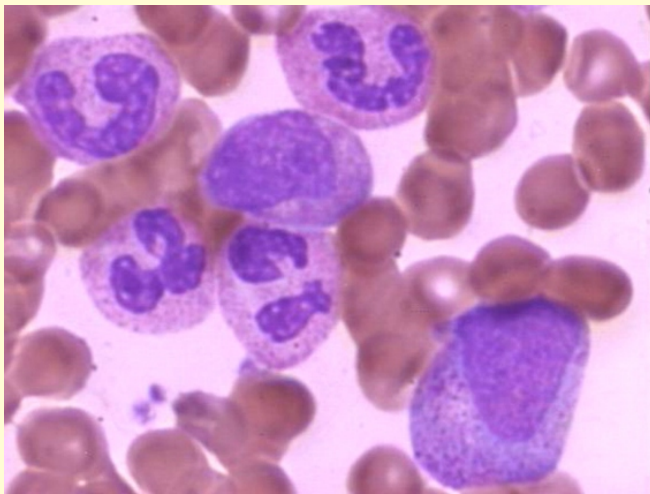
CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKAEMIA-A Bird's Eye View

Introduction

Leukaemia simply put is cancer of the white cells which are cellular components of blood. These abnormal white cells accumulate in bone marrow and also infiltrate other organs such as liver, spleen, lymph node, coverings of brain, skin or testes.

Leukaemias can be classified as acute (aggressive) or chronic (indolent) and depending on the cell type involved can be myeloid or lymphoid. Types of leukaemia are thus Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia, Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia.

Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia results from a translocation between chromosome 9 and 22 giving rise to the Philadelphia chromosome which accounts for the proliferation and accumulation of the leukaemic cells. It affects all ages including children.



Aetiology

The cause is unknown. However, a predisposing factor; high dose ionizing radiation has been associated with the disease.

Clinical Manifestations of CML

Most clients present with an enlarged spleen (95%). Other manifestations include enlarged liver, anaemia, weight loss, fatigue, night sweats, increased susceptibility to infections, hearing loss and priapism. Some clients are asymptomatic and are

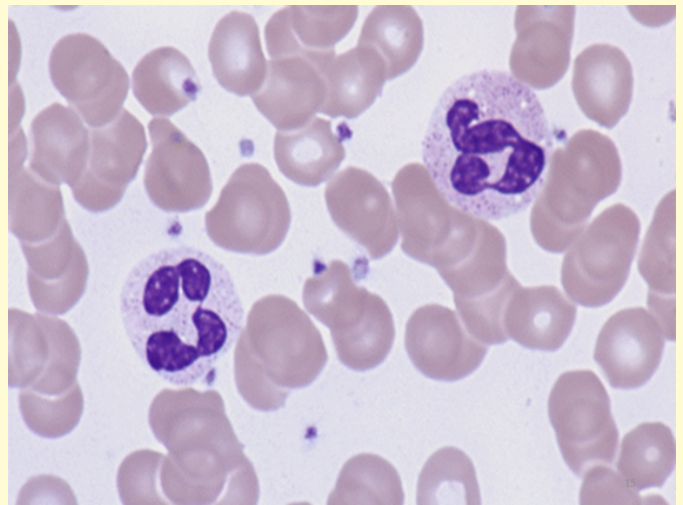
diagnosed only after a routine medical laboratory tests. The white cells will be markedly increased.

Laboratory Diagnosis:

Full Blood Count (FBC)

Peripheral Film Comment/Bone Marrow Aspirate
Cytogenetics

Molecular Studies (PCR)



Treatment

Options available in our setting include tyrosine kinase inhibitors such as Glivec and hydroxyurea. Early diagnosis and treatment is key to the management of CML. A FBC and a peripheral film comment can definitely make a difference to someone's life. Let's make a difference.



Dr Amma Benneh-Akwasi Kuma
Department of Haematology

SOUTH-WEST FIDELITY BANK SECTOR DONATES TO CHILD HEALTH

The South-West Sector of Fidelity Bank painted and donated items to the Babies Unit of the Hospital. The painting was done by Danabten Company Limited, a construction firm.



The Group also donated surgical masks, nose masks, two dressing trolleys and two wheel chairs.



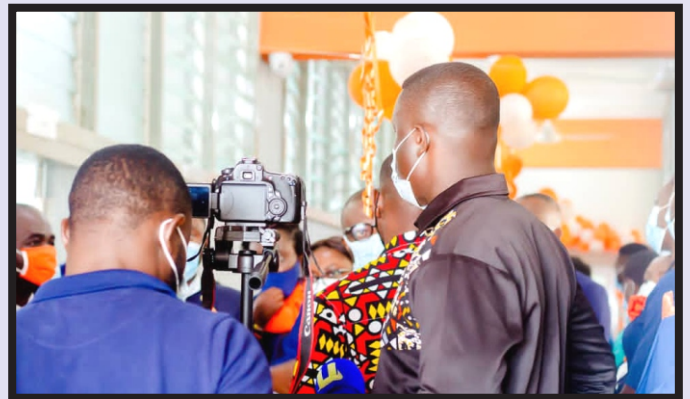
The leader of the delegation and a Branch Manager of Fidelity Bank, Mr Tony Dwamena said he is a friend of the Unit because of his frequent visits.

He said he had observed some challenges in the Unit and engaged one of the Matrons on it.

Mr. Dwamena said he therefore appealed to management of the Bank to assist the Babies Unit and the South-west Sector agreed.



The items were received by the CNO, Joyce Ayisi, the Administrator, the in-charges and the PR team of the unit.



The Administrator, Madam Esther Christiana Tetteh said, “we are very grateful for your kind gesture and the painting has given the unit a beautiful ambience. “It is our wish that it continues this way” she added.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The patient comes first, all the time!

MISSION

We are committed to provide quaternary health care facilities and services, training, research, outreach and advocacy for clients within and outside Ghana.

VISION

To become the preferred centre of excellence and innovation for specialist healthcare provision, training, research and advocacy in Ghana and West Africa.

PIX IN BITS



Buka Restaurant presented GHC 3000 to the Breast Unit to support the treatment of breast cancers



PZ Cussons has launched a social impact campaign on childhood cancer dubbed "Camel; Because We Care" aimed at raising funds for the Korle Bu Paediatric Oncology Unit in support of diagnosis, treatment and facility upgrade of the Unit.



Nana Ama Doudu donated 10 packs of toilet rolls, 70 packs of water, 10 packs of huggies, among others to the National Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burns Centre and Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) to celebrate her birthday



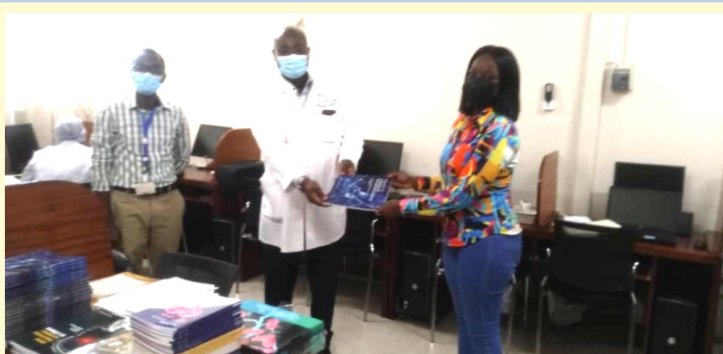
Royal House Chapel International donated toiletries and books to the Department of Child Health



Madam Gifty Ohui Matheis, a Ghanaian based in Germany donated Ghc5,000 to offset the bills of four mothers at the of Maternity Department



The CEO Dr. Opoku Ware Ampomah has presented five canopies to the Department of Surgery to help ease the pressure and stress patients go through while waiting to be attended to by the doctors at OPD



Ms. Christabel Servier from Servier Pharmaceuticals Company presented medical books to the library of the Department of Medicine