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Dear Sir,

INTRODUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE SOCIETY OF GHANA AND INVITATION TO ITS MAIDEN CONFERENCE 2019 NOVEMBER 15TH, 2019 KUMASI -GHANA.

The effects of emergencies and disasters are profound, leading to increases in morbidity and mortality especially in low and middle-income countries. The May 9th Stadium Disaster in 2001, where 126 people died in a stadium disaster during a football match accelerated the development of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Nursing and the promotion of the National Ambulance Service. Emergency care services started with the establishment of Ghana Ambulance service in 2004.

In 2009, the Ghana college of Physicians and Surgeons backed by legislature started a residency-training in Emergency Medicine using Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital as the training site. The highly competitive program since its inception, has trained 7 emergency medicine fellows and over 40 specialists and currently has over 20 residents in training. This is backed with over 300 trained emergency nurses and 2000 Emergency Medicine Technicians (EMTs).

The Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana (EMSOG) is made up of Emergency Physicians, Emergency Nurses, Emergency Medicine Technicians and all others both local and international, with an interest in emergency care. The Society will be the torchbearer in spear-heading affairs of Emergency Care in Ghana.

All Emergency Medicine stakeholders in Ghana have come together to host the first ever Conference in Emergency Medicine in Kumasi, Ghana to celebrate 10 years of Emergency Medicine in Ghana and officially inaugurate the Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana. The main event will be from the 13th to the 15th of November, 2019 under the theme: **A DECADE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN GHANA, THE IMPACT AND THE FUTURE.** The Society will however have multiple events leading to the conference.

BANK DETAILS
EMERGENCY MEDICINE SOCIETY OF GHANA
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The maiden Emergency Medicine Conference in Ghana is scheduled from **November 13- 15, 2019 at the Golden Bean Hotel, Ahodwo -Kumasi** will have high profile dignitaries and delegates locally and abroad attending to perform various duties along with about 400 participants across the globe expected to partake in the 3-day Conference.

We write to your august society to honour our effort by partaking in our maiden conference, we further extend our invitation to the rank and file of all your members and will appreciate it, if the invitation will be displayed on your platforms and emails to members.

As we say “Akwaaba” to the world, we hope our felicitations will be met with your warmest presence.

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EMERGENCY MEDICINE SOCIETY OF GHANA



PROPOSAL

**FORMATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE SOCIETY OF GHANA
(EMSOG), THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN GHANA AND
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THEME: A DECADE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN GHANA,
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Executive Summary: The effect of emergencies and disasters is profound, leading to increase in morbidity and mortality especially in low and middle-income countries. In most emergency units in Ghana, patients presenting are not triaged, and their complaints are dealt with directly by whichever medical specialties are available. Most emergency centres are poorly equipped and manned by staff who are not formally trained in emergency care. The May 9th Stadium Disaster in 2001, where 126 people died in a stampede during a football match accelerated the development of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Nursing and the promotion of the National Ambulance Service which had been established prior to the disaster. In 2009, the Ghana college of Physicians and Surgeons backed by legislature started a residency-training in Emergency Medicine using Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital as the training site. The highly competitive program since its inception, has trained 7 emergency medicine fellows, over 25 specialists and currently has over 15 residents in training. This is backed by over 300 trained emergency nurses and 2000 Emergency Medicine Technicians (EMTs). With these numbers, emergency departments in Ghana are gradually being manned by formally trained emergency healthcare providers. With support from our international partners, and strong backing from the government, we believe that Emergency Medicine has a bright future in Ghana and this will improve all aspects of patient care.

The aim of celebrating this decade is to host the first ever Conference in Emergency medicine in Kumasi, Ghana and to officially inaugurate the Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana (EMSOG). This will bring together all emergency medicine health workers and other health workers in the country and beyond to partake in this three-day maiden conference organised by the emergency medicine stakeholders in Ghana. During the conference, opportunities will be given to stakeholders, founding fathers of emergency medicine and other invited key speakers in the field to discuss the impact of emergency medicine in Ghana and also the way forward in helping this field grow.

Request: Introduction of emergency medicine society of Ghana and invitation to its maiden conference 2019 November 15th, 2019 Kumasi -Ghana.

BACKGROUND

In May 2001, 126 people died in a stadium disaster during a football match between two local clubs in Ghana. Several spectators were trampled to death and many more sustained injuries. Although a lot of research and pilot training programs in Ghana had recommended the need to establish a formal emergency care system, it would appear that this incident in particular focused political minds to take necessary action.

Until recently most emergency care centers were staffed by medical officers who had no formal training in Emergency Medicine. There were 'casualty departments' in the larger hospitals, but the staffing was inadequate and relatively junior, with little support from seniors. There is still a general lack of Emergency Medicine specialty training among Ghanaian doctors and nurses outside the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. In most emergency units, patients presenting are not triaged, and their complaints are dealt directly by whichever medical specialties that are available. Most emergency centers are poorly equipped and overcrowded. Inter-facility transfer may have improved in major cities but remains a big problem in the rural areas.

Ambulance services are confined to regional capitals and are virtually non-existent in the rural areas. The anecdotal perception is that it does not always work, nor is it well publicized and advertised to the population. The other problem is that even where ambulances are available to call, the access and response times are poor with no clearly defined performance targets.

The Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS) has recognized **Emergency Medicine** as a field of specialist practice, and recommended the training of Emergency Physicians to take care of patients presenting to emergency centers in the country. An Emergency Medicine residency-training program under the auspices of the GCPS started in October, 2009. With help from a 'diaspora' faculty the GCPS conducted admission examinations and the first batch of residents started training at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi. Currently there are trained Emergency Physician Specialists who attend to emergency cases at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ridge Hospital, Tema General Hospital, Cape-Coast Teaching Hospital, Tamale Teaching Hospital, Upper West Regional Hospital, Ho Teaching Hospital as well as Nyaho Hospital.

In the 2010-2011 academic year, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology introduced a degree course in Emergency Nursing for the purpose of training nurses. This two-year program affords diploma holders in nursing an opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge that are specific to Emergency Nursing. Entry requirements include a diploma in nursing and institutional sponsorship.

The last few years have seen exciting developments in emergency care in Ghana. Emergency Medical Technicians are being trained for the Ghana Ambulance Service. There is an increasing commitment of resources for infrastructure and human resource development. As numbers increase, graduating EM specialists provide emergency care at the tertiary or regional hospitals, and wherever possible assist smaller hospitals by providing targeted training and practical life support courses. With support from our international partners, and strong backing from the government, we believe that Emergency Medicine and emergency care have a bright future in Ghana and this will improve all aspects of patient care.

AIM

The aim of celebrating this decade is to host the first ever Conference in Emergency medicine in Kumasi, Ghana and to officially inaugurate the Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana (EMSOG). However, in order for us to reach every corner of the nation, we need to train doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians and also acquire very essential emergency equipment such as cardiac monitors, ventilators, arterial blood gas and ultrasound machines (just to mention a few) as well as emergency consumables.

Also, this maiden conference will bring together all emergency medicine health workers and other health workers in the country and beyond to partake in the three-day maiden conference organised by the emergency medicine stakeholders in Ghana. During the conference, opportunities will be given to stakeholders, founding fathers of emergency medicine and other invited key speakers in the field to discuss the impact of emergency medicine in Ghana and also the way forward in helping this field grow.

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PROGRAME OF ACTIVITIES

CLINICAL TRAINING

Clinical training will be given to health personnel working in some selected regions of the country from the month of September to October, 2019. The health personnel in any selected region will be assembled at one location for a one- day training in Emergency Medicine care where they will be trained in Basic life Support (BLS), use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Primary Survey and appropriate Referral system in order to equip them with the capacity to manage emergency cases.

PROPOSED DATE: 10TH SEPTEMBER TO 15TH OCTOBER, 2019

VENUE: SELECTED REGIONS IN GHANA



MEDICAL OUTREACH

Emergency Medicine health workers will embark on medical outreach to train staff of some institution in Basic Life Support and AED training in order to help them obtain the skill to administer first aid support in times of emergencies. A mini clinic will be set up in some of these institutions to screen people for various health conditions

PROPOSED DATE: 1st September to 31st October, 2019

VENUE: At the premises of Institutions being trained

SIMULATION EXERCISE

A Disaster simulation exercise will be performed to show the preparedness and readiness of Emergency Health workers in performing their duties in the instances of Emergency situation. This will be in partnership with the Ghana Airport Company, National Disaster Management Organization, Ghana Fire Service, Ghana Military Service, Ghana Police Service, National Ambulance Service, Airport Security and many more.

PROPOSED DATE: Yet to be determined

VENUE: Kumasi International Airport



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The pre-conference workshop will provide the health workers in Ghana the opportunity to learn with the best faculty assembled from all over the world. All courses have been specially re-designed as a day course to have maximum impact on participants' emergency care knowledge and skills.



PROPOSED DATE: **12th November, 2019**

VENUE: **Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital**

COURSE	EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
ECG MADE EASY AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT MASTER CLASS	30
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION- BLS	30
HEMP COURSE (HANDS-ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROCEDURE) COURSE	20
MIMA COURSE (MAJOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA COURSE)	30
ALL ABOUT BLOOD GASES MASTER CLASS	40

WELCOME COCKTAIL + CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The welcome cocktail will serve as an avenue for participants to fraternize with each other and acquaint with the Emergency Directorate and Komfo Anokye Teaching hospital in general. Participants will have the opportunity to register for the conference.

PROPOSED DATE: **12th November, 2019**

VENUE: **Disaster Block, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital**

CONFERENCE

The conference will be an exhibition of the clinical, education and research advances in Emergency Medicine in Ghana and have colleagues from other countries join use to share ideas to improve care and emergency patients, research and teaching.

PROPOSED DATE: **13th -15th November, 2019**

VENUE: **Golden Bean Hotel, Ahodwo-Kumasi**



GALA DINNER

The black-tie Gala Dinner and Awards Night. Participants will be exposed to Great food (local and continental), cultural display, Live band and surprise music stars.

PROPOSED DATE: **13th November, 2019**

DINNER WITH THE EXPERTS

Join our experts and invited guest to conclude on your partnerships and collaborations at a buffet dinner.

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Partners:

Ghana Health Service
Christian Health Association of Ghana
Ministry of Health
National Ambulance Service
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
KNUST
Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives,
International Emergency Medicine Education Project,
Ghana Tech Lab,
Radiant MD,
SnooCode,
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