

# News from the College

## Admissions

Admissions for 8<sup>th</sup> batch of Primaries and 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of Fellowship candidates have been completed.

## Residency Posting

Eligible candidates have been posted to their various residency sites.

## Monitoring and Accreditation Visits

Over the last year, we have undertaken monitoring and accreditation visits to the following institutions:

- International Maritime Hospital
- Cape Coast Teaching Hospital
- University of Ghana Medical Centre
- Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital
- Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
- University Hospital, KNUST
- Lansah Chemists
- Bandy Chemists
- Laud K Pharmacy
- Garrison Pharmacy

During the visits to the hospitals, the monitoring and accreditation tool was used to gather information to the extent possible. In the pharmacies, discussions were held with lead personnel on the following subject areas:

- The current status of the residency programme in the facilities
- Opportunities and challenges
- Proposals on improving the programme



*A group picture of residents and staff of KNUST Hospital*

## CPDs and Short Courses

### Vaccination Training for Pharmacists

The training of Pharmacists Vaccinators was started in collaboration with the PSGH. An initial 80 pharmacists were taken through the conceptual training. About 70 pharmacists are currently involved in the hands-on training at various levels of completion. The College is in discussion with PATH to support the training of other pharmacists as Vaccinators.



*Hands-on Vaccination Training for Pharmacists*

### Oncology Internship

Two batches of pharmacists have undergone the two-month internship in handling of chemotherapy medications. The first batch were made up one pharmacist from Greater Accra Regional Hospital and one from Tamale Teaching Hospital. The second batch comprised a pharmacist from Liberia and another from Sierra Leone. This second batch was joined by a pharmacist from Ho Teaching Hospital. The programme was sponsored by World Child Cancer.



*Accra City Tour with Oncology Interns*



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### ***Asthma Management Training***

The College has undertaken training for Pharmacists as asthma care managers. The conceptual training was run over a period one week covering 5 separate modules. About 500 pharmacists participated. The hands-on training is currently be run across the country. 63 pharmacists have been trained in Accra. Other sessions have taken place in Kumasi and Tamale. Other trainings will be scheduled as may be necessary.

The programme is sponsored by Astra-Zeneca.



*Hands-on Asthma Management Training*

### **Collaborations and Partnerships**

#### ***World Child Cancer***

The training for Paediatric Oncology Pharmacists is ongoing. The candidates are currently undertaking their second session of the residency training. We are currently in discussions on potential sites for externships. Due to budgetary constraints the sites will all be located in Africa.



*Meeting with representatives of the World Child Cancer*

#### ***PATH***

The College is in discussion with PATH to support the training of Pharmacists Vaccinators. The discussions are to training a further 200 pharmacists over the next six months.

#### ***Astra-Zeneca***

The College has collaborated with A-Z to train asthma managers in pharmacy practice. The training is expected to cover 500 to

1000 pharmacists. Currently, 63 pharmacists have completed the training.

We are in further talks to collaborate in the celebration of World Asthma Day.

#### ***College of Health Sciences, KNUST***

The College has signed an MoU with the College of Health Sciences. This agreement is aimed at providing candidates with the opportunity to attain dual qualifications upon receiving admission to the College. The envisaged dual qualifications will be as follows:

- Membership and Masters
- Fellowship and PhD

The next steps are to put together a team to identify corresponding programmes to rollout the joint programmes.

The following are proposed to represent the College on this team:

- Prof Kwame Ohene Buabeng
- Pharm Samuel Tenkorang
- The President and the Rector will provide support as and when the need arises.

#### ***Royal Pharmaceutical Society***

This collaboration is based on individual membership of the Royal Society. It allows members to access various opportunities and facilities. There are training opportunities and access to documents that may be relevant to practitioners.

#### ***Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Empower School of Health***

We have begun engagement with the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Empower School of Health. This engagement is to facilitate the training of pharmacists in various areas of specialization. Discussions are still in the initial stages.

#### ***Research***

The multi-partner research proposal with KNUST (Lead), University of Nottingham, CPA and GPHA has been received initial positive review. The comments have been responded and been resubmitted. We are currently waiting to receive a final decision.

#### ***Anniversary***

The College was established in 2011. The first Council was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012. To commemorate the anniversary, we are proposing a number of activities:

- Panel discussions for identified health days; World Cancer Day, World Immunisation Week, World Asthma Day, World Hepatitis Day, World Pharmacists' Day, and World Antibiotic Awareness Week.
- Institution of a College Master Class Series on communicating your research.