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#### FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

**W**elcome to the Spring edition of the GPSF News!! This issue features the final presidential letter from our current President, Dr. Francisca Abanyie. In her final address she shares the accomplishments for the 2024–2025 term and plans for the future of the organization. Dr. Fran also shares a flashback of the organization from 2010 and a note of gratitude to the Young Professionals Section Leads.

You'll also read from our Young Professionals' President, Mr. Michael Mensah-Mamfo and the accomplishments of the YP section this term. Also in this issue is an article about the Ghanaian Diaspora Nursing Alliance (GDNA)-sponsored Advocacy Training and Hill Day from one of our YPs, Ms. Precious Amponsah. Lastly, we highlight one of our members' non-profit organizations—Ghana Association for Medical Aid (GAMA)—that participated in a recent medical mission to Ghana in January 2025.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and welcome your suggestions and contributions for future editions.

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DR. FRANCISCA ABANYIE

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

#### GREETINGS GPSF MEMBERSHIP,

It has been a great pleasure serving you all and moving the mission of the Foundation forward. As I reflect on the accomplishments of this year, I could not be prouder of what we accomplished together. We started this term with a vision and a plan. The plan had many lofty goals, but my sentiment is always to dream BIG. I am proud to say we not only met each of our goals, but we exceeded them beyond my wildest dreams. My desire is to always do things in excellence, not perfection, but to the very best of my ability. With the recognition that nothing of significant greatness can be accomplished solely by one individual, it was important to me to involve as many members as possible to meet our goals, and that has been the root of our success this year—A PURPOSE, A PLAN, and THE PEOPLE!

We started this term with three focus areas:

- Strategic Partnerships: partnering with organizations who are working toward similar goals of improving healthcare in Ghana. I believe we are stronger together and we can make a greater impact working with aligned organizations.
- Missions: setting up a framework to make the work of medical and public health missions easier. I believe we can establish systems to help coordinate the efforts of the nonprofit organizations of GPSF members that provide healthcare and various services to our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers back home in Ghana.
- **Structure:** establishing efficient systems that will allow us to work smarter, not harder; to allow us to build a structural foundation that will ultimately move GPSF to the next level.

In addition to these focus areas, it was important for us to concentrate on our core mission of providing quality postgraduate medical training in Ghana. The Residency Training and Collaboration Team (RTCT) is the partnership between the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (The College) and our Foundation that allows us to most effectively meet this mission. At the time of my writing this message, we are reported to have 78 physicians from Ghana, North America, and the UK who serve in leadership roles for the various specialty groups, and an additional 92

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faculty members from all three locations assisting with fulfilling one of the 6 thematic areas (1- providing lectures, 2-providing clinical training, 3- securing external rotations for residents, 4- providing supervision of research projects, 5- serving as mentors, 6- serving as examiners for residency exams). Four specialty groups have made significant progress—Pediatrics & Child Health, Public Health & Research, Radiology, and Otorhinolaryngology (ENT). These four groups have held planning meetings and implemented activities to meet one of the six thematic areas, including providing regularly scheduled lectures. As one of the RTCT leads for Public Health, this year it was rewarding to witness the results of our monthly leadership planning meetings that we've been having over the past year, with the launch of our first of a series of quarterly lectures on April 22. The first lecture was provided by Dr. Lewis Roberts, a Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist at Mayo Clinic and longstanding supporter of the Foundation. This lecture was well attended, with >100 participants from Ghana and North America. A special thank you to our overall RTCT lead, Dr. Nii Koney and our two coordinators, Dr. Patricia Ampadu and Mr. Nii Ankrah, without whom we would not have been as successful as we have been this year.

We have also made great progress in our three focus areas; successes that we can be proud of and hope to continue to build on for years to come. Here's a summary of many of our achievements:

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

*Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS)*—our most important partnership in the work that we do, the reason the Foundation exists. Our partnership has resulted in:

- Three successful webinars on topics of great importance to the College and to the Foundation—
  Research Collaboration in Ghana; Starting a Healthcare Business in Ghana: A Conversation with
  HeFRA; and Residency Training in Ghana through the RTCT Initiative.
- A successful Medical Knowledge Fiesta entitled 'Antimicrobial Resistance: The Role of the Healthcare Worker in Safeguarding Medicines', for which our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference is themed after. GPSF former president, Dr. Thad Ulzen, provided an engaging presentation at the 2024 MKF.
- The selection of our Ghana-based administrative assistant. In addition to assisting with the interview and selection process, the College has generously provided office space for our new admin, Mr. Nii Ankrah, to complete the work of the Foundation.
- Collaboration with faculty at the College to lead the various activities for the RTCT program.

*Medical and Dental Council, Ghana* (*MDC*)—a critical and irreplaceable partner, through which our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for permanent licensure is executed. As a result of this partnership, 76 permanent licenses have been processed through our MOU. These licenses allow our members to provide clinical care and training opportunities in Ghana.

Ghana Medical Association (GMA)—GMA has agreed to partner with GPSF to assist with identifying members in their organization to serve as moderators and discussants for our RTCT lectures, as well as help to coordinate the logistics for our CPD lectures.

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Ghana Healthcare Volunteers of Georgia (GHVOG)—a new partner this year that has been instrumental in GPSF Georgia Chapter's community engagement. GPSF partnered with GHVOG to provide medical care and perform blood glucose and blood pressure screening at Atlanta's annual GhanaFest. In addition, this year we have partnered to host GPSF's first ever post-conference community health fair at Presbyterian Church of Ghana Resurrection Congregation, Atlanta.

Ghanaian Diaspora Nursing Alliance (G-DNA) — sponsored four GPSF members to attend a global health advocacy training and Hill Day. We have also been in discussion with G-DNA about partnering to provide BLS training through hospitals in Ghana, an initiative they've already been actively engaged in.

Ghanaian Women's Association of Georgia & LaConstance Center for Global Health—GPSF served as a liaison between these two non-profit organizations to donate enough prenatal vitamins for 500 women in Ghana.

Ashesi University — GPSF partnered with Ashesi University to provide mentoring to students engaged in Mastercard Foundation-funded entrepreneurial venture projects. Five GPSF members volunteered to serve as mentors for the various venture projects.

Delta Airlines—new this year, Delta has provided GPSF with discounted airline tickets to our annual conference, as well as an opportunity for the Foundation to enroll in a Business SkyMiles account to accrue points towards free airfare. This opportunity allows the organization to save money towards airfare for executive board member travel to represent the Foundation at various events worldwide.

#### **MISSIONS**

It is said that "service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." Mission work is one of the most important and selfless ways we provide service to our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers in Ghana. Many of our members have non-profit organizations that return to Ghana at least once a year to provide medical care. Highlighting the work of these organizations and helping to make the work of these mission trips easier was an important goal we met this year. Our updated website hosts a page dedicated to our members' non-profit organizations; additionally, many of these organizations have been showcased in our quarterly newsletter to help share the altruism of these members and their mission teams, as well as provide an opportunity for members to donate towards their efforts. Importantly, new this year, we secured a partnership with a Humanitarian Travel company to provide assistance with travel arrangements for mission trips at low fares, as well as the opportunity to check three bags free of charge. Lastly, Dr. Abena Annor volunteered to serve as our Missions Coordinator to lead efforts in planning a GPSF-led mission trip to Tarkwa Hospital. She had the opportunity to travel to Tarkwa Hospital for a site visit in February and is in the process of solidifying dates for the mission trip planned for later this year.

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#### **STRUCTURE**

We have made great strides in providing a solid foundation for GPSF to work smarter, establishing a framework that will help the Foundation to excel in the years to come. Some of these structures/systems include:

- Hiring a Ghana-based administrative assistant to be the boots on the ground in moving our initiatives forward; liaising with our partners in Ghana, and spearheading connections and conversations that have advanced the RTCT program, license processing, and forging new partnerships.
- Updated, secure, and user-friendly website to allow for easier processing of membership dues, conference fees, donations, processing of permanent license applications; a single location to access websites for member's non-profit organizations; access to information about upcoming events, and so much more.
- Established a defined and predictable schedule for applying for new and renewal Ghana permanent licensure.
- Relaunch of the Mentorship Program to provide a system for young professional to receive career and life advice from more seasoned professionals.
- Monthly leadership meetings with our young professionals' leaders to help provide guidance in meeting their goals. The success and accomplishments of our young professionals has been nothing short of impressive. (Read more <a href="here">here</a>).
- Quarterly newsletter to inform the membership about the activities of the Foundation, upcoming events, and ways they can get involved.
- Quarterly membership meetings to update the membership and showcase member projects and initiatives.
- The establishment of a 75-page strategic plan to define the direction, priorities, and plan for achieving the Foundation's goals. The extensive document provides a framework for decision-making, resource allocation, and ensures we are working towards a shared vision; it provides a roadmap for success, while delineating anticipated challenges, opportunities, and how to navigate the complexities of the current environment that may attempt to limit our success.

The success of the Foundation this year would not have been possible without the sacrifice, dedication, and hard work of MANY great people that are represented by the organizations and teams mentioned above. I would like to also recognize the members of the Education Committee (Drs. James Aikins, Elijah Paintsil, Nii Koney, Amma Twumwa Owusu-Ansah); RITES Program Selection Committee (Drs. Elijah Paintsil, Vibeke Dankwa); Conference Planning Committee (led by Dr. Vibeke Dankwa); and all ex-officio who joined various meetings, for their great efforts in their respective roles. I would also like to recognize my Senior Advisors, Dr. Nathaniel Lawson and Dr. James Aikins, both former presidents who have kindly made time in their busy

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schedules to regularly attend board meetings and provide insight, historical perspective, guidance on decision-making, and encouragement to ensure we stayed on course to have a successful year. To our administrative assistants, Ms. Ellen Odoom and Mr. Nii Ankrah, thank you for keeping the Foundation in motion behind the scenes, we wouldn't know what to do without you.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I would be remiss if I didn't specifically mention the amazing individuals that I had the pleasure of serving on this year's executive board with, our President Elect, Dr. Akwasi Amponsah; our Vice President, Dr. Ernestina French; and our longstanding Treasurer, Dr. Louisa Lawson. I have had the fortune of being able to count on each of these board members to not only fulfill the work of their established roles, but to fill in gaps and take on new activities beyond the scope of their duties. I am immensely grateful for your support this year and could not have asked to serve with a better team of dedicated executive board members.

As I pass the baton on to you, Akwasi, to lead the organization forward, I leave you with a strong foundation that I know you will build on and strengthen for the future. My prayer for you and the incoming board is that you will receive all the support you need to take the Foundation to the next level; please know that you can count on me as one of your supporters and will continue to serve on the board, as the immediate past president, providing guidance where it's requested, and cheering you on as you make great strides towards the future of the organization.

I bid you farewell for now and thank you all for believing in me to lead this auspicious organization.

Yours in Service,

Dr. Francisca Abanyie GPSF President, 2024—2025

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DR. FRAN

### MY ODE TO THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

In the first issue of the relaunch of the GPSF News, I mentioned an email exchange from 2010 I had with Dr. Elijah Paintsil, the secretary at the time, about writing an article for the first ever GPSF newsletter. I recently found that newsletter and the article I wrote, along with many nostalgic pictures and warm sentiments from the 8th Annual GPSF Conference. Below is the article I wrote after my first conference and a picture of the attendees of that conference. After reading the article you'll have a greater appreciation of why I am so passionate about our Young Professionals' Section.



## A Young Physician's Reflections from Atlanta

Ghana Physicians and Surgeons Foundation, a friend introduced me to this organization at lunch one day. It was an organization I had never heard of, but one that I would soon become intimately involved in. When she informed me the annual conference was held in Atlanta, I immediately was intrigued and wanted to find out more about the organization. I was excited to find that I was free of clinical duties the weekend of the conference. As I reflect back on the conference, I smile thinking of how inspired I was to see the different projects and programs in place to assist our homeland of Ghana. I, however, was discouraged to see the common

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roadblocks that the different programs were facing, but encouraged by the conversations that took place to assist each group in overcoming these barriers. As a young physician I was very pleased with the open invitation to get more involved in the organization. My hopes for the organization are to see it expand and embrace more young physicians and allied health professionals. It was a great pleasure to meet the few young physi cians that attended the conference, but I envision a better representation of this group in the upcoming years. I look forward to recruiting more young physicians to the organization and promoting the mission of improving healthcare in Ghana.



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#### First issue of GPSF Newsletter, July 2010.

As one of the founding members of the YP section, I am truly humbled to see how much the group has grown and the great impact they have made, especially this past year. I am also very encouraged by how the GPSF membership, in general, has grown and the changing demographics of the Foundation, evidenced by the pictures below from 2010 (8th Annual Conference) and 2024 (21st Annual Conference).









Conference attendees of the 8th Annual African Health Care Summit organized by the Ghana Physicians and Surgeons Foundation of North America, April 16-18,2010, Atlanta, GA.. Theme "Poverty and Health-Bringing Interdisciplinary Practice to the Patient."



Conference Attendees at the 21st Annual GPSF Conference, May 17-18,2024; Atlanta, GA Theme: "Modern Cancer Care: An Integrative Approach to Excellence, Equity, and Innovation for Africa"







We have truly made great strides, and I am excited by what's to come in the years ahead for the Foundation as a whole, but specifically the YP section. I see a future where many of the current YP leaders will become the leaders of the Foundation, much like my own journey. Their eagerness to learn, drive to help fellow young professionals—pre-medical and medical students—on their journey, their ability to provide a safe space to build community, and create opportunities for growth and leadership for students, residents, and fellows is extraordinary. All this, while maintaining their study schedules, completing clinical rotations, and staying involved in other medical organizations is nothing short of amazing. I am inspired by them daily and can't wait to see what they'll do in the future. Michael, David, Michelle, Sheila-Alice, Chelsea, Matilda, Danielle, and all the YP committee leads, thank you for your commitment to the GPSF YPs. Kudos to you for all the outstanding programs you've put on, the spotlights you've given to all the future Ghanaian physicians who matched to residency programs, and the increased recognition you've brought to the Foundation through management of our social media presence. I couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments this year.

With much gratitude,

Dr. Fran











## MESSAGE FROM THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' PRESIDENT GPSF Young Professionals,

As my term as President of the GPSF Young Professionals (GPSF YP) comes to a close, I am grateful for what we have accomplished together during the past year. The academic year has been filled with purpose-driven mentorship, meaningful global health engagement, and a commitment to empowering the next generation of Ghanaian physicians. At the center of our work has been a deep belief that growth into the physician leaders who will move the needle in health equity begins now. By equipping our members with mentorship and international exposure, we prepare them to confront disparities and drive change at home in Ghana. In this article, I want to highlight some of the work that our talented and hardworking young professional leadership has done. None of these initiatives you will read about would be possible without them.

To increase the pipeline of Ghanaian pre-medical students applying to and successfully gaining admission to medical school, GPSF YP has put together a series of impactful events that have been the highlight of this leadership administration. Our Medical School Admission Committee, led by our excellent third-year medical student, Maame Amoah-Dankwah, has hosted events like "DOing It Right," "Delayed, Not Denied," the Letter of Intent Workshop, and Q&A panels with a Dean of Admissions. This committee's thoughtful and masterful programming included a mock interview to prepare our pre-medical students for the admission cycle. Above all else, our Medical School Admission Committee has fostered a welcoming, empowering space for pre-medical students, which has helped to demystify the path to medicine.

Additionally, we provided value to our medical students through impactful panels featuring students who shared their experiences preparing for and excelling on the United States Medical Licensing Exams (USMLE), Step 1 and Step 2. We also hosted a powerful Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) panel with residency program directors and recent applicants. As part of increasing the pipeline to aid our medical students in successfully matching to their residencies of choice, GPSF YP hosted a mock interview series that provided critical feedback and pearls on how to interview successfully.

Our social media presence also grew tremendously, thanks to the creativity and consistency of our superstar medical students, Sheila-Alice Tayie and



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Chelsea Oppong. From spotlighting student achievements to launching our "Question of the Day" series, their efforts have kept our community engaged, informed, and inspired. We were especially proud to highlight our medical student members participating in this year's Match. We celebrate our newly minted doctors and look forward to the incredible work they will accomplish as Ghanaian physicians.

On the heels of increasing our footprint back home in Ghana and deepening our community impact, GPSF has facilitated clinical rotations in Ghana for our medical students to serve, learn, and connect with their roots. Locally in the US, we joined hands with a local church in Atlanta to organize a Community Health Fair, to provide vital screenings and health education during this year's annual conference.

As we prepare for the upcoming GPSF Annual Conference, I'm excited about several events that have been particularly created with our Young Professionals in mind. These events include a live suturing workshop, a faculty panel on professional development, and an engaging "Guess the Diagnosis" case competition. This conference promises to reflect the energy and purpose that define our mission.

These initiatives you have read about are the foundation for a broader vision of growing the passion of our Ghanaian medical students to become leaders in global health in Ghana.

Serving as your President has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my medical school journey. I've witnessed the power of community, the excellent work to mitigate health inequity in Ghana and the US, and our medical students' passion for this vital work.

As I prepare to pass the baton, I am confident that the foundation we've built will continue to flourish. I urge you all to stay connected, remain engaged, and always look for ways to lift others as you climb. Thank you for trusting me with this role. I am excited to witness the greater heights we reach.

With humble gratitude,

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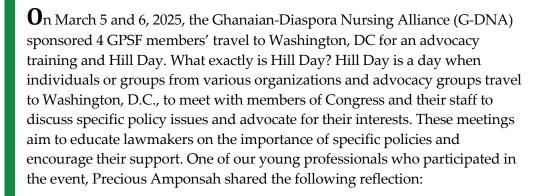






## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' CORNER (cont'd)

#### **GDNA Advocacy Experience**



"Not only was this an incredible reason to visit D.C. for the first time, it was also an unforgettable opportunity to meet and connect with members of the House of Representatives. As someone pursuing a career in the medical field, joining the Ghanaian Diaspora Nursing Alliance (G-DNA) and the Ghana Diaspora Public Affairs Collective (GHPAC) to advocate for global health and support PEPFAR was an experience I didn't realize I needed.

Healthcare is not an isolated issue—we are part of an interconnected global community. Meeting Congressman Jonathan Jackson on March 6th—Ghana's Independence Day—and witnessing the strong support for Ghana and Africa in Congress was exhilarating. I never imagined I'd be singing Ghana's national anthem in a congressman's office or being personally escorted into the Capitol by him.

The most rewarding part of this trip was fulfilling my role as a constituent, advocating for the reauthorization of PEPFAR, which aims to eradicate HIV/AIDS globally by 2030. As the House prepares to vote on this critical issue, we hope our day on the Hill made a meaningful impact."



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**DR. ANDREW BADDOO** *President, GAMA* 

### **NONPROFIT ORGANZIATION SPOTLIGHT**

## Ghana Association for Medical Aid (GAMA)

Delivering Healthcare with Compassion—From New Jersey to Ghana
The Ghana Association for Medical Aid (GAMA) is a U.S.-based nonprofit
organization founded in 2013 to bridge the gap in healthcare access for
underserved populations in New Jersey and Ghana. Through annual medical
missions, public health education, and targeted humanitarian outreach, GAMA
provides critical medical services and supports the dignity and well-being of
thousands each year.

### Community Health in New Jersey

In New Jersey, GAMA delivers **free health services and outreach programs** focused on reducing disparities in care among immigrant and underserved populations. These efforts include:

- **Health fairs and screening events** for conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol
- **Health education workshops** on disease prevention, nutrition, and wellness
- **Navigation assistance** for community members to access health insurance and primary care

For instance, our health fairs and screening events have identified and treated numerous cases of hypertension and diabetes, improving the health outcomes of many community members. This local engagement empowers families and promotes long-term, preventative health practices.

Our work in New Jersey serves the immediate health needs of the local community. It provides valuable experience and resources for our international missions. Annual Medical Missions to Ghana. Each year, GAMA leads a team of 35+ volunteer physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals to Ghana, providing free healthcare to over 2,500 adults and children. Missions have reached nearly every region of Ghana, including:

Greater Accra, Kumasi, Nzema, Volta Region, Winneba, Kwahu, Aburi, the Northern and Northeastern regions

Core services provided during these missions include:

General medical consultations and treatment

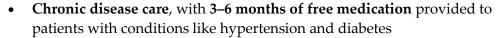
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- Minor surgeries and wound care
- **STI testing and education**. Appropriate referral when needed based on results.
- Maternal and pediatric services
- Ophthalmological services, including:
  - Vision screening
  - Free eyeglasses and medications
  - Referrals for surgical eye care
- Provision of supplies for Dental care
- Health education and preventive services

All patients receive compassionate, personalized care. GAMA works closely with local clinics, providing them with training, equipment, and ongoing support to ensure they can continue to provide quality care after our missions. GAMA works closely with local clinics to provide follow-up treatment and continuity of care.



#### **Stories of Impact**

GAMA's work goes far beyond clinics. It transforms lives:

- A **young girl who lost one leg** in an accident was given a new lease on life through **GAMA-funded prosthetics and rehabilitation**.
- Over 800 Ghanaians have received free National Health Insurance
   Scheme (NHIS) enrollment, unlocking access to consistent medical care.
- GAMA has donated hospital beds, wheelchairs, and surgical supplies to local hospitals and clinics, supporting long-term capacity building through various regions



## Supporting Children, Orphans & Institutions

GAMA is deeply committed to supporting **vulnerable children and institutionalized populations**, ensuring health equity across all groups:

- Donated school supplies, food, and hygiene kits to schools and orphanages in rural and urban areas
- Supplied medical and hygiene supplies to prisons like Nsawam and Jamestown
- Delivered essential supplies to Pantang Mental Health Hospital, a facility in great need











 Provided equipment and medications to Catholic Charities Hospital in Accra

These donations reflect GAMA's holistic understanding of health as clinical care, dignity, support, and opportunity.

#### **5** How GAMA Is Funded

GAMA is sustained through:

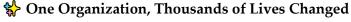
- Individual donations from members and supporters
- Contributions from local community organizations in the U.S.
- Generous support from Ghanaian financial benefactors
- The annual **Fundraising Gala in December** celebrates the community and fuels the mission ahead

### 🜠 Vision for the Future: 2025–2030 Goals

Looking ahead, GAMA aims to:

- Expand surgical services offered during medical missions
- **Invest in healthcare infrastructure**—including medical equipment, clinic development, and training initiatives
- **Strengthen follow-up care** by supporting local healthcare systems and increasing access to specialists

GAMA is committed to building a more **sustainable**, **resilient**, **and locally driven healthcare model** in Ghana.



From delivering sight-saving glasses to a child...

To walk with a woman receiving her first cancer screening...

To fill prisons and mental health facilities with needed supplies...

GAMA is a lifeline of **hope**, **healing**, **and humanity** across oceans and communities.

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Learn more, support our mission, or get involved:

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## RECENT EVENT GPSF/GCPS-HOSTED WEBINAR



 $oldsymbol{0}$ n April 13, 2025, GPSF in collaboration with the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS) hosted a webinar entitled, "Residency Training in Ghana through the RTCT Initiative: Where we are and where we are going", featuring a few of our Residency Training Collaboration Team specialty leads. The session was moderated by Professor Henry Lawson, Vice Rector of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, and featured leads from three specialties that have made significant progress-Pediatrics & Child Health, Public Health, and Radiology. Leads from both Ghana and North America shared the successes and challenges of getting their team started and plans for the future. Each group had regularly scheduled meetings and have started educational webinar series. Members were encouraged to consider taking on a lead role to assist their specialty group in forming a team and initiating meetings to determine how they can join the efforts in collaborating with GCPS to provide educational sessions for residents and fellows. Interested members should email ghanaphysiciansusa@gmail.com to express interest.

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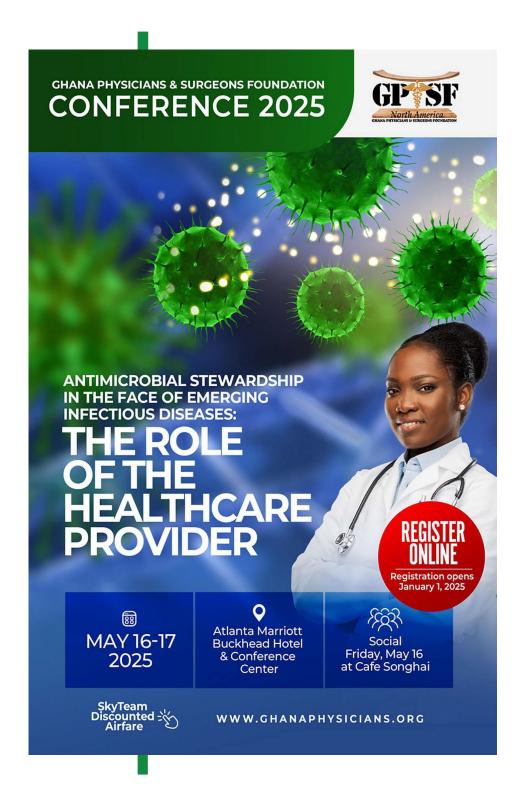
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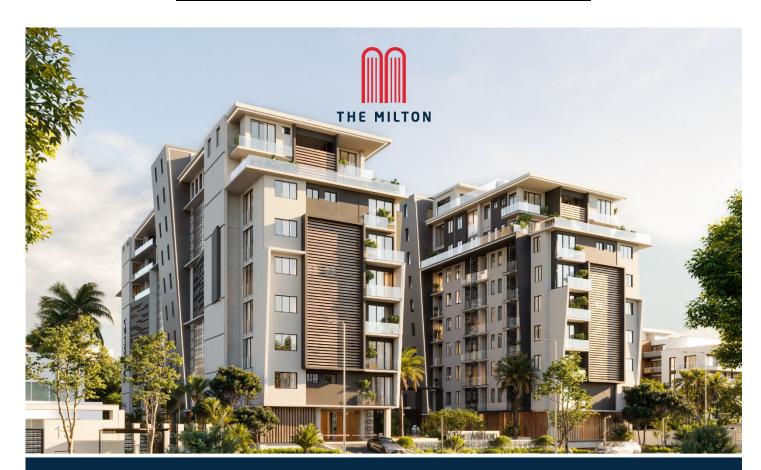








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