The Ghana Medical Association (GMA) was launched by Ghana’s first Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, on 4th January 1958 at the Arden hall of the Ambassador Hotel in Accra.

Until the launch, there was the Gold Coast Branch of the British Medical Association, which was confronted with the dilemma of what to do to rectify its anomalous nature as a branch of the British Medical Association in an independent Ghana.

The move to establish the association, which would be recognized by the government and be the mouthpiece of the profession in the country, was made by Dr. J. A. Shandorf. The co-sponsors of the meeting to launch the association were Dr. C. E. Reindorf and Dr. W.A.C. Nanka-Bruce. Also present at the ceremony were the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Eustace Akwei, Dr. C.O. Easmon, the African Surgeon in Korle Bu, Dr. Silas Dodu and Dr. M. A. Barnor.

Dr. C.O. Easmon was elected President of the newly formed association and Dr. F. T. Sai the secretary