

MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Birth of the Postgraduate Medical Journal of Ghana – Bravo

The idea for the creation of a scientific journal as a mouth-piece for the College was mooted by the founding fathers right at the inception of the College in 2003.

The journal seeks *inter alia* to provide profound lessons to both doctors and other medical professionals working in developed and developing countries. The Editor-in-Chief and his co-workers have been meticulous in their choice of papers which appeal to a wide range of readers concerned with health and the changing disease pattern in the world in general and in the tropics in particular. They have succeeded in doing this with one foot in the past and the other in the future.

As the academic head of the College I am convinced that the journal will encourage scholarship for our faculty members and act as a catalyst and inspiration to our residents in acquiring the skills of scientific paper writing and documentation. My heart is gladdened as I witness the birth of the maiden edition of the *Postgraduate Medical Journal of Ghana*. May it serve the College as a centre of excellence in postgraduate medical education. May it help to foster critical enquiry in research and development and facilitate teaching and learning for our young postgraduate doctors in training. May the journal carve a niche for itself as a first class worldwide international publication which will pass all the tested canons of scientific assessment.

I wish the Editor-in-Chief, his team and their maiden journal more success AD MULTOS ANNOS VIVAT i.e. for many more years to come.

*Professor Sir G W Brobby, FA ORL, FGCS
President*

FROM THE RECTOR



It is historical that the Editor and the Editorial Committee have published the inaugural issue of the *Postgraduate Medical Journal of Ghana*, the official journal of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. A specific function of the College, according to the Act establishing

it, is the “publication of pamphlets and journals”. The publication of a journal is a necessary component of the functions of a postgraduate medical training institution.

This journal has been conceived as a tool for updating residents and faculty as well as the medical and dental fraternity on new trends in management of health problems, evaluation of techniques and procedures and commentary on policy issues. In particular, the journal is expected to publish expert reviews on subjects of importance and relevance to medical practice in Ghana. It also becomes a vehicle for the College to contribute to the development of sound public health policies.

I am aware that the Editorial Committee has set high standards comparable to that of established peer-reviewed journals. It is important to maintain such high standards not only to assure the relevance of the journal but also to be an example to residents and young doctors of quality scientific publication. It is expected that members of the College faculty will be major contributors to the journal. It is also anticipated that Ghanaian specialists in the diaspora will become regular contributors to the journal.

The College secretariat is committed to ensuring the sustainability of the journal through prudent management practices. The editorial committee will have a freehand in determining the content of the journal as per their editorial policies. In the near future we expect the journal to move from manual processing of manuscripts to online processing as befits a journal of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Editorial Committee and welcome the Inaugural Issue of the *Postgraduate Medical Journal of Ghana*.

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