

Ann Osborne Outreach Program 2024. 37 Military Hospital Accra, Ghana.

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37 Military Hospital is a 500-bed specialist teaching hospital in the heart of Accra, Ghana.

It serves both military personnel and their dependents as well as the general public. It is also a popular referral site for complicated cases throughout the country and beyond.

The Hospital boasts of a fairly large (by Ghanaian standards) radiology unit. There are different tiers of radiologists in the unit, consultants, senior specialists, specialists and residents. However, there are no sub specialised experts in the field of paediatric radiology or neuroradiology currently at the unit. In fact, there are a handful of these sub-specialists in the whole of Ghana. Therefore, the visit of Prof Elka Miller was very impactful to the unit and the medical fraternity of Ghana in general.

Over a period of five days, over 200 doctors benefitted from the expertise of Prof Miller. There were an average attendance of 30 in house doctors drawn from radiology and paediatrics as well as an average of 180 doctors online from various radiology teaching centres in Ghana and members of the Ghana Medical Association in attendance.

The sessions helped to understand hard to grasp concepts in paediatric neuroradiology. Additionally, the case presentations helped to solidify and enforce the concepts in the teaching sessions. There was also the Jeopardy game which was a creative and fun way to learn radiology. That was my personal favourite.

Furthermore, the hands-on sessions with the residents improved their knowledge and confidence in paediatric sonography and it is hoped that this will go a long way to improve the standard of care in Ghana.

On a social note, we had the privilege of showing Prof Miller some few places in Accra and its neighbouring environs including the famous Black Star Square, Independence Arch and Oxford Street all in Accra and the Aburi Botanical gardens in neighbouring Aburi.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Radiology Unit, we are grateful for the partnership and ability to make this lecture series happen. We wish to express our profound gratitude to the Military High Command of the Ghana Armed Forces and Military Hospital, the Ann Osborne Outreach Program, Prof Elka Miller, ASNR and all people who were involved in diverse ways to make the lecture series a success. We hope to pursue more exchanges in the near future.

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