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EDITORIAL

We are happy to welcome you to this edition of, ‘The SLIDES’.

Unlike the previous versions that were written on quarterly basis, this edition is quite unique as it covers the major events of the hospital for the whole year 2022. We believe that readers would enjoy the rich contents which is interspersed with beautiful photos.

You would be amazed to discover in this edition how the hospital acquired a CT scan machine to save patients in Berekum and its surrounding communities from traveling far to access CT scan services. Other interesting features include the Safecare assessment of the hospital during the year, migration from HAMS to LHIMS and the well-deserved award by the Berekum traditional council to our able Hospital Administrator. Also, the first ever Child Fair held by the hospital as health screening exercise for children is one intriguing article in this edition.

While the editorial team is thankful to individuals who contributed by writing the various articles in this publication, we are also encouraging more staff to improve their writing skills through this medium. We are hoping to publish half-yearly in 2023 to keep our readers updated at all times.

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MESSAGE FROM HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR



I am writing on behalf of the management to wish all our cherished staff, a grace filled Christmas and blessed New Year.

God has blessed all of us, our facility in particular, in diverse ways throughout the course of the year 2022. Time and again, you have made us proud with your compassionate service and unswerving loyalty in your various roles as health workers. We are grateful to you for your persistent efforts to raise the standards of service at the facility.

May this year bring you abundant joy, inner peace and progress in life that you truly deserve.

Future is waiting for us with bundles of opportunities. May God grant all of us perfect health of mind and body, to continue His Healing Ministry in this New Year 2023 and may the peace of God reign in our families and in our facility.

Rev. Sr. Reena V. John



INAUGURATION OF CT SCAN MACHINE



Computerized Tomography scan (CT scan) is one of the medical imaging technology that is employed to detect the condition of various bones and muscles in the human body. Widely recognized for quality diagnostic results at reduced radiation, the CT scan machine is an essential tool that is needed to deliver quality health care. However, the availability of CT scan service is limited in Ghana due to the high cost of the machine.

Holy Family hospital is very thankful to COP Nana Asomah and wife for donating a brand new Phillips Access CT scan, 32 slides machine to the hospital. The machine was officially inaugurated on 25th January, 2022 at the hospital premises. Many dignitaries including the Bono regional minister, MP and MCE for Berekum East, the Omanhene of Berekum and the Bishop of the Sunyani diocese of the Catholic Church attended the inauguration ceremony.

In an address, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Most Rev. Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi expressed his gratitude to the family for the gesture and advised the Management and staff of the hospital to adopt good maintenance culture for the CT scan machine to sustain its function for patients. The Member of Parliament for Berekum East, Hon. Nelson Kyeremeh was also full of appreciation to the benefactors and called on other citizens of Berekum to invest in similar projects that contribute to uplift the image of the town. On the part of the Regional Minister for Bono region, Hon. Justina Owusu Banahene, the gesture is highly commendable and was hopeful it would help to relief patients from travelling over distance to access CT scan services. The Paramount chief of Berekum, Nana Dr. Dassebre Amankona Diawuo II who was also present at the function was proud of how far Holy Family hospital has come and encouraged the Management of the hospital to keep up with the good work.

The hospital management presented a citation to COP nana Asomah for his immense contribution towards the growth of the hospital.

By Asuming Baffour Justice

INAUGURATION OF CT SCAN (Pictures)



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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR 2021

By Kwadwo Ameyaw Korsah

Annual performance review is one of the best practices adopted by Management of Holy Family hospital to assess the performance of the facility on yearly basis. During such reviews, the assessment of the hospital for the year under review is made known to stakeholders who in turn make useful contributions for future plans.

The Performance Review for 2021 was held on 22nd and 23rd March, 2022 and was attended by representatives of the Berekum traditional council, Municipal Assembly, Security Agencies, Zongo community, churches, Berekum Youth for Accountability, Berekum Citizens Association and other organizations.

Various departments and units of the hospital took turns to present their activities for the year under review. The presentations were focused on the targets set by the units, achievements and the challenges encountered during the year. These were subsequently followed with questions and contributions from participants.

The 2021 performance review was well-attended by both internal and external stakeholders who made rich contributions towards the action plan for 2022.





CELEBRATION OF WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2022

Every second Thursday in March is celebrated as World Kidney Day to create awareness on the impact of kidney diseases on the health of individuals. The theme for this year's celebration was “ **Kidney Health for all** ”. The theme sought to bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney care through education of the general public.

As part of Holy Family hospital's celebration of the day, staff embarked on a float along the major streets in Berekum to sensitise the public on the need to take good care of their kidneys. There were also education on local radio stations such as Akomapa FM and Chris FM on how to care for your kidney and the need for early treatment of kidney diseases. Health education was also done at the OPD by staff of the dialysis unit.

By Dr. Paa Gyasi Hagan





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INAUGURATION OF SICKLE CELL SUPPORT GROUP



Sickle cell disease (SCD) is the commonest inherited condition of the blood worldwide. In Ghana, it is the commonest chronic illness managed in the paediatric population with 2% of babies delivered with the condition. The Paediatric department of the hospital set up the sickle cell clinic in January, 2020 and the clinic currently has about 100 clients.

Social support provided for caregivers of children with chronic illnesses such as SCD has been shown to improve the quality of care given to such children. It is in view of this that the Paediatric unit of the hospital with support from Management established the HFH Sickle cell support group with the aim of providing social support to caregivers of children with SCD.

The inaugural meeting was held on 25th February, 2022 with the hospital chaplain, Rev. Fr. Wajar being made the Patron of the group.



There were 38 primary caregivers present for the maiden meeting. The paediatrician and nurses who run the sickle cell clinic took them through education on various aspects of the disease. Concerns of caregivers were also addressed during the meeting.

It is the hope of the unit that this support group would improve the quality of care given to children with SCD in the Berekum Municipality.

By Dr. Samuel Salamat

MAIDEN EDITION OF CHILD FAIR

By Boison Kwabena Justice

Health screening is one of the vital aspect of preventive health that seeks to identify medical conditions of people at the early stage before they fall sick. Most of such health screening programmes are targeted at the adult population with little attention to children.

It is for this reason that the paediatric department with support from the Hospital Management organised the first ever health screening for children in the Berekum municipality and its environs dubbed “HFH Child fair, 2022”.



The event took place on 2nd May, 2022 at the Omanhene Park in Berekum. Over 500 children between the ages of one month to twelve years from the municipality and surrounding communities took part in the fair. Activities done included general physical examination, eye examination, dental examination, nutritional assessment and laboratory tests such as Haemoglobin estimation, urine dipstick and sickling test. Apart from the health screening, the children were also treated to recreational activities such as face painting, dancing competition, bouncy castle, musical chairs, lime and spoon among others.





YELLOW MONTH CELEBRATION

By Dr. Samuel Salamat

The Paediatric society of Ghana has designated the month of May as "yellow month" to raise awareness of neonatal jaundice. The theme for this year's celebration was "**yellow to hero, survive and thrive**".

The theme aimed to emphasize the need of early detection of new-born jaundice in order to avoid complications that could lead to poor quality of life later in life.

The hospital organized various activities to raise awareness both within the hospital and throughout the Berekum municipality. Highlights of activities included:

1. Health talks at the ANC, PNC, and NICU on early diagnosis, management, and complications of newborn jaundice.
2. Radio talk shows on Chris FM and Akomapa FM to raise public awareness.
3. A workshop was held to educate health workers in the hospital and other health facilities in the municipality about neonatal jaundice.





ASSESSMENT BY SAFECARE INTERNATIONAL

By Kwadwo Ameyaw Korsah

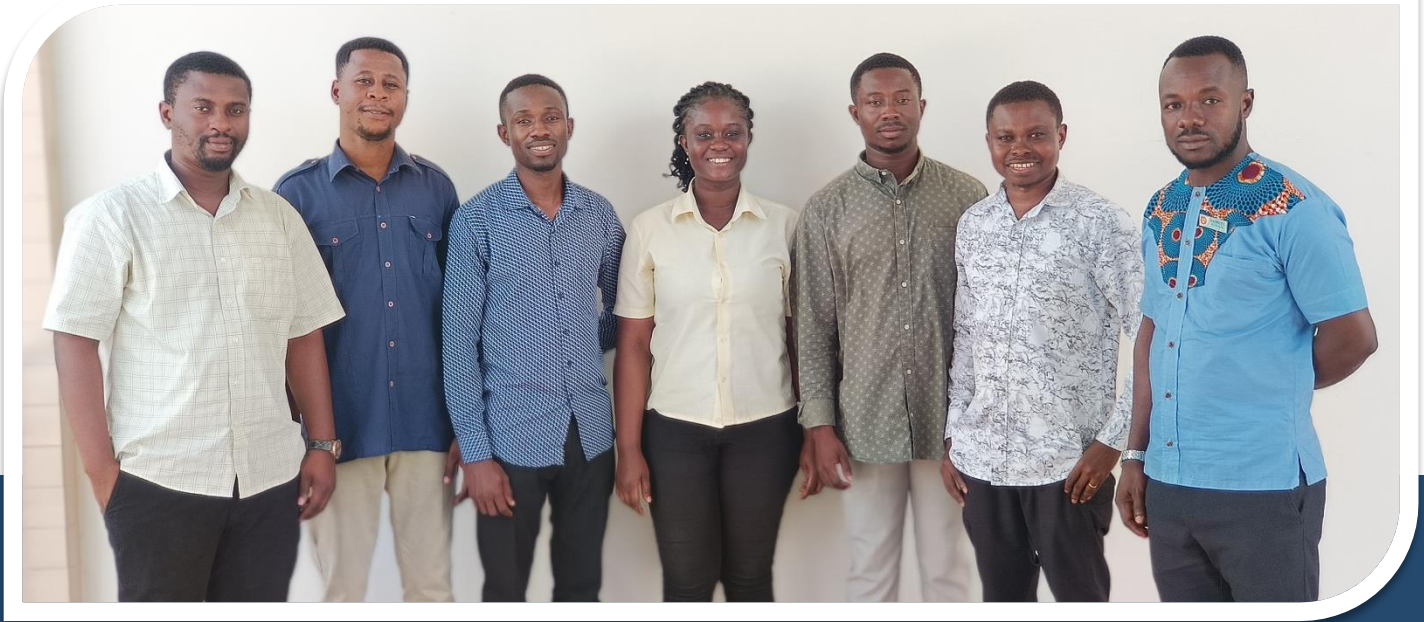
The ultimate goal of Holy Family hospital is to deliver quality health care in the manner that is internationally recognized and acceptable as the standard practice. It is in this direction that the facility committed itself in 2020 to SafeCare International; a global standard healthcare assessor to appraise the hospital from time to time and accordingly rate it within international standards.

The concept of SafeCare International is based on Donabedian Model of healthcare quality which assesses the structures and processes that guide the delivery of healthcare service. Health facilities are rated in levels with Level 5 being the highest. The ratings by SafeCare International are universal and places health facilities on the same standard irrespective of the geographical location of the facility.

This year's assessment of the hospital was the second time after it attained level 3 in the first assessment in 2021 by SafeCare International. A three-member team of experienced and certified safe care assessors assessed the hospital on the 5th and 6th of October, 2022. While the hospital is waiting for the assessment report from SafeCare International, it is still focused on the ultimate aim of becoming a recognized SafeCare hospital.



HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL BEREKUM GOES LHIMS



Health information management remains a critical component of health-care delivery. In recent years, Ghana has seen numerous innovations in health information management, including the deployment of computer-based software such as the District Health Information Management System (DHIMS2), Hospital Administration Management System (HAMS), and Patient Health Information System (PHIS).

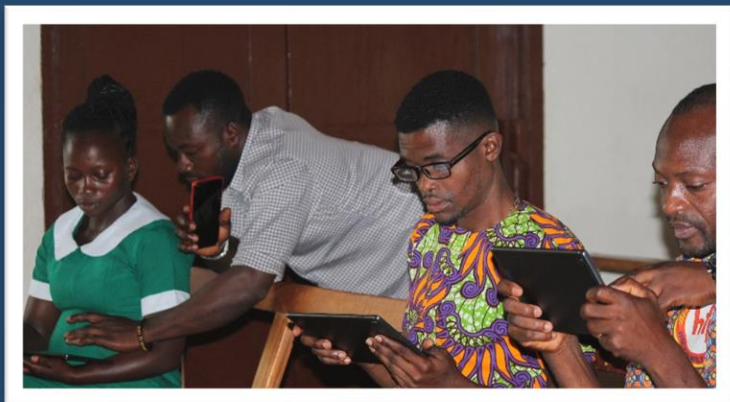
Light Waves Hospital Information Management Systems (LHIMS) was introduced in 2016 as part of the Ministry of Health's effort to have a centralized nationwide electronic medical record and patient management system that links all hospitals, clinics, and health centers across the country. It was phased in, with numerous hospitals, including Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, and Bono Regional Hospital, now on board.

On 1st October, 2022, Holy Family Hospital Berekum successfully moved from HAMS to LHIMS. A month before its deployment, the hospital's IT department, in collaboration with Lightwave Electronic Health Services, the developers of the LHIMS software, trained hospital staff on the software's implementation and use. Despite the initial challenges encountered when implementing and using this new software, the hospital is committed to its successful deployment and use.



LHIMS TRAINING

(Pictures)



PINK MONTH CELEBRATION



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide. It is among the leading cause of cancer death among women in developing nations such as Ghana. Annually, the month of October dubbed “Pink month” is observed as breast cancer awareness month throughout the world to create awareness about the disease. The theme for this year's celebration was "**living beyond breast cancer - together we can**". The hospital's surgical department spearheaded a number of programs to raise awareness about breast cancer.

The Pink month celebration was officially launched on September 30, 2022. During the launch, Dr Frank Gyamfi, a Specialist Surgeon, gave a presentation on breast cancer to hospital staff. During the official launch, a banner for raising awareness was unveiled.

Other key activities done to create awareness included:

1. A Float by the hospital staff and management along the principal streets of Berekum to create public awareness about breast cancer. A keep-fit session was held to climax the float.
2. Various breast screening exercises were carried out throughout the month. The main venue for the screening was the surgical department of the hospital; however, screening was also done in some churches and upon invitation by some NGOs.
3. Health talks were done on some selected radio stations, churches and upon invitation by some corporate organisations.

By Dr. Frank Enoch Gyamfi



WORLD PREMATURETY MONTH CELEBRATION

By Dr. Samuel Salamat

Complications of prematurity remain a major cause of neonatal mortality worldwide. As part of efforts to create awareness on prematurity, November 17 of every year has been set aside as World Prematurity day. The Paediatric unit of the hospital in collaboration with the Paediatric Society of Ghana (PSOG) held several activities to mark the occasion.

The theme for this year's celebration was **“A parent's embrace: a powerful therapy, enable skin-to-skin contact from the moment of birth”**. The theme sought to highlight the benefits of kangaroo mother care (KMC) in the care of premature infants. Awareness was created throughout the month of November.



The highlights of events done in the facility were:

- Weekly health talks on Wednesdays and Fridays at the ANC and PNC respectively through out the month of November. There were also talks at the neonatal unit of the hospital
- Radio talk shows were also done on Akomapa and Chris FM to create awareness among the public in the Berekum Municipality



BEREKUM TRADITIONAL COUNCIL HONOURS HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

The hospital fraternity celebrates the Administrator, Rev. Sr. Reena V. John for being honoured by the Berekum traditional council for her transformational leadership since she took over the management of the hospital. Holy Family hospital is indeed proud of you. Congratulations!



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Your contribution towards health delivery in Berekum, Bono and Ghana cannot be over emphasized. You have migrated Holy Family Hospital - Berekum, to an electronic folder system which was one of the pioneers in the country. There has been the expansion of service delivery to include specialities such as Obs & Gynae, Paediatrics, Surgery, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, ENT among others under your tenure. The facility is now a hospital of preference for the training of Doctors, Nurses and other health professionals.

Your tireless effort has resulted in the upgrade of the hospital to a secondary-level status to be at par with a Regional Hospital. The Berekum Municipality can now boast of certain vital diagnostic and investigative services such as Digital X-Ray machines, Endoscopy, Dialyses, and CT-Scan all because of your unflinching leadership. On infrastructure, the current Administration Block, Mother & Child Health(MCH) unit and Eye / ENT units have all received a massive face-lift.

We can't finish talking about the completion of the 100-bed capacity Maternity ward to boost quality maternal care in the Region. Berekum Holy Family Hospital has benefitted immensely from your good collaboration with both internal and external development partners such as Nananom, Berekumman Citizens Association, CHAC, Berekum Association in the Netherlands, Nana Asomah Hinneh's family and many more.

You may not be a native of Berekum but you have distinguished yourself as a true daughter of the Land. For these and other contributions, which are too many to enumerate, on this day 2nd December, 2022, on the occasion of Kwafie Afahye Grand Durbar, Nananom of Berekum Traditional Council and Team Brand Berekum congratulate you.

Ayekoo!!! Me Ne Yo!!!