**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| **SURNAME** | Aitpillah |
| **FORENAMES** | Francis Somiah-Kwaw |
| **SEX** | Male |
| **DATE OF BIRTH** | 30th March 1975 |
| **PLACE OF BIRTH** | Axim, Ashanti, Ghana |
| **MARITAL STATUS** | Married |
| **NATIONALITY** | Ghanaian |
| **RELIGION** | Christian |
| **LANGUAGES SPOKEN** | English, , Nzema, Twi, Fanti |
| **CURRENT ADDRESS** | Department of Surgery  Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital  P O Box 1934, Kumasi |
| **HOBBIES & INTERESTS** | Swimming, Reading, Soccer |
| **QUALIFICATION** | MBChB, FWACS, MIInst Sc |
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**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION**

**1(a) Academic Degrees Earned with Dates**

Fellowship of West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) – 2006

MBChB – 1998

**1(b) Institutions Attended with Dates**

West African College of Surgeons (WACS): 2001 – 2006

University of Ghana (UGMS): 1991 – 1998

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2(a) Academic ranks held and subjects taught**

**2020 to date: 2020: Senior Lecturer** (Department of Surgery,School of Medicine and Dentistry, KNUST)

**Subjects Taught**

**General Surgery**

* Lecture, teaching of clinical skills, tutorials, teaching of basic surgical skills and instruments to fourth- and sixth-year medical student
* Lecture, teaching of clinical skills, tutorials to MPhil Clinical Nursing students
* Examine students in surgery theory and clinical practice.

**2008 to 2020: Lecturer** (Department of Surgery,School of Medicine and Dentistry, KNUST)

**Subjects Taught**

**General Surgery**

* Lecture, teaching of clinical skills, tutorials, teaching of basic surgical skills and instruments to fourth- and sixth-year medical student
* Lecture, teaching of clinical skills, tutorials to MPhil Clinical Nursing students
* Lecture, to Emergency Nursing students
* Examine students in surgery theory and clinical practice.

**2006-2017:** **Part-Time Lecturer** (Anatomy Department, School of Medicine and Dentistry, KNUST)

**Subjects Taught**

**Human Anatomy**

* Lecture, dissect and conduct practical demonstration on Gross Anatomy to first and second year medical and dental students.
* Lecture, applied anatomy to Allied Health students*.*
* Lecture, applied anatomy to MPhil Anatomy students
* Examine students in Anatomy theory and practical

**2003 – 2004: Clinical Demonstrator** (Department of Surgery, School of Medicine and Dentistry, KNUST)

**Duties**

* To help to enhance the clinical teaching of General Surgery
* To provide clinical supervision of fourth- and sixth- year medical students learning clinical skill techniques on patients on the wards and at the outpatient clinics
* To promote high professional standards medical students within the clinics

2**(b) Supervision of Student Project work**

**Co-supervised the Following Fellowship Candidates Projects**

1. **Dr Nuhu Hamidu Naabo (2019).**

Supervision award of FWACA on The Place of Early Removal of Nasogastric Tube Following Small Bowel Surgery in Adults at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana. 2019

1. **Dr Edward Boateng (2020: ongoing):**

A randomized controlled trial comparing the quality of life after nylon darn repair of inguinal hernia to polypropylene mesh repair at St. Luke hospital, Kasei–Ghana

1. **Dr Anita Esinam Abgeko (2021: ongoing):**
2. A comparative study of renal function versus serum lipid levels as a proxy to assess the presence and severity of peripheral arterial disease among persons with diabetic foot ulcer n Komfo Anokye Reaching Hospital, Ghana

(Thesis for the West African College of Surgeons)

Assessing the effectiveness of chemotherapy in improving the quality of life of metastatic breast cancer patients in Komfo Anokye Taching Hospital.

(Thesis for the Ghana College of Surgeons)

**2(c) Other Professionally Related Experience**

* 2014 to date: Coordinator, Postgraduate Training, Department of Surgery, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH)
* 2015 to date: Head, General Surgery Unit, KATH
* 2006 to date: General Surgeon, KATH
* April 2001 – April 2006: Senior Medical Officer / Resident in Surgery, KATH
* January 2000 – April 2001: Medical Officer, KATH
* January 1999 – December 1999: House Officer, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

**DETAILS OF RESEARCH:**

**3(a) Research Conducted (Topics with Dates)**

**2011 to date**:

* The biology of breast cancer in people with African ancestry
* Risk factors for breast cancer in Ghanaian women

**3(b) Publications Arising out of Research**

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| **NO.** | **PUBLICATIONS** |
| **1.** | Figueroa, J.D., Lynn, B.C.D., Edusei, L., Titiloye, N., Adjei, E., Clegg-Lamptey, J., Yarney, J., Wiafe-Addai, B., Awuah, B., Duggan, M.A., Wiafe, S., Nyarko, K., **Aitpillah, F.**, Ansong, D., Hewitt, S.M., Ahearn, T., Garcia-Closas, M., and Brinton, L.A. (2020). Reproductive Factors and Risk of Breast Cancer by Tumor Subtypes among Ghanaian Women: A Population-based Case-control Study, Int J Cancer. 2020 Feb 18. doi: 10.1002/ijc.32929  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **2.** | Gyasi- Sarpong, C.K., Maison, P. O. M., Adofo, K., Dally, C. K., Azorliade, R., Arhin, K. A. A., Kyei, I., Amoah, M., Amoah, G., Sagoe, R., Otu-Boateng, K., Yifieyeh, A. C., Nimako, B., Yorke, J., Adinku, M. O., **Aitpillah, F. S.**, Darkwah, D. A., Frimpong- Twumasi, B., Agbeko, A. E., Gyamfi, F. E., Oppong, J. (2020), Default to elective surgery appointment at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana. Medicine and Medical Sciences 8(2): 014-017, DOI: 10.15413/mms.2020.0103  *I was directly involved in the implementation of the research and generation of the data.* |
| **3.** | Newman, L., Jenkins, B., Chen, Y., Oppong, J. K., Adjei, E., Jibril, A, S., Hoda, S., Cheng, E., Chitale, D., Bensenhaver, J., Awuah, B., Bekele, M., Abebe, E., Kyei, I., **Aitpillah, F.**, Adinku, M., Nathanson, Saul D., Jackson, L., Jiagge, E., Merajver, S., Petersen, L. F., Proctor, E., Gyan, K., Martini, R., Kittles, R., Davis, M. (2019), Hereditary Susceptibility for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Associated With Western Sub-Saharan African Ancestry: Results From an International Surgical Breast Cancer Collaborative Annals of Surgery, doi: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000003459  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **4.** | Yorke J., Awoonor R.W., Ansong G., Hammond B., Boateng E.A., Gyamfi F., **Aitpillah F.,** Ababio K.A., Ahulu D., Yorke D.A., Acheampong E. (2019), Intestinal Obstruction Secondary to Intra-luminal Retained Laparotomy Towel: A Case Report, Int.J. Sur Res Pract, 6:104, doi:10.23937/2378 – 3394/1410104.  *I was involved in the initiation and implementation.* |
| **5.** | Brinton L.A., Figueroa J.D., Ansong D., Nyarko K.M., Wiafe S., Yarney J., Biritwum R., Brotzman M., Thistle J.E., Adjei E., **Aitpillah F.**, Dedey F., Edusei L., Titiloye N., Awuah B., Clegg-Lamptey J.N., Wiafe-Addai B., Vanderpuye V. (2018). Skin Lighteners and Hair Relaxers as Risk Factors for Breast Cancer: Results from the Ghana Breast Study Team. Carcinogenesis, Volume 39, Issue 4, 5;39(4):571-579. doi: 10.1093/carcin/bgy002.  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **6.** | Brinton L.A., Awuah B., Clegg-Lamptey J.N., Wiafe-Addai B., Ansong D., Nyarko K.M., Wiafe S., Yarney J., Biritwum R., Brotzman M., Adjei E., **Aitpillah F.**, Edusei L., Dedey F., Nyante S.J., Oppong J., Osei-Bonsu E., Titiloye N., Vanderpuye V., Abaidoo E.B., Arhin B., Boakye I., Frempong M., Oti N.O., Okyne V., Figueroa J.D.(2017). Design Consideration for Identifying Breast Cancer Risk Factors in a population-based Study in Africa. Int J Cancer. 2017 Jun 15;140(12):2667-2677. doi: 10.1002/ijc.30688.  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **7.** | Brinton L., Figueroa J., Adjei E., Ansong D., Biritwum R., Edusei L., Nyarko K.M., Wiafe S., Yarney J., Wiafe Addai B., Awuah B., Clegg-Lamptey J.N., **Aitpillah F.** On behalf of the Ghana Breast Health Study team (2017). Factors Contributing to Delays in Diagnosis of Breast Cancer in Ghana, Ghana, West Africa. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2017 Feb; 162(1): 105–114.  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **8.** | Jiagge E., Jibril A.S., Chitale D., Bensenhaver J.M., Awuah B., Hoenerhoff M., Adjei E., Bekele M., Abebe E., Nathanson S.D., Salem B., Oppong J., **Aitpillah F**., Kyei I., Bonsu E.O., Proctor E., Merajver S.D., Wicha M., Stark A., Newman L. (2016) Comparative Analysis of Breast Cancer Phenotypes in African American, White American, and West Versus East African patients: Correlation between African Ancestry and Triple-Negative Breast Cancer. Ann Surg Oncol. 23(12):3843-3849.  *I was involved in the implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **9.** | Jiagge E., Oppong J.K., Bensenhaver J., **Aitpillah F.**, Gyan K., Kyei I., Osei-Bonsu E., Adjei E., Ohene-Yeboah M., Toy K., Jackson K.E., Akpaloo M., Acheampong D., Antwi B., Agyeman F.O., Alhassan Z., Fondjo L.A., Owusu-Afriyie O., Brewer R.N., Gyamfuah A., Salem B., Johnson T., Wyche M., Merajver S., Kleer C., Pang J., Amankwaa-Frempong E., Stark A., Abantanga F., Newman L., Awuah B. (2016). Breast Cancer and African Ancestry: Lessons Learned at the 10-Year Anniversary of the Ghana-Michigan Research Partnership and International Breast Registry. J Glob Oncol. 2(5):302-310. doi:10.1200/JGO.2015.002881.    *I was involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **10.** | Proctor E., Kidwell K.M., Jiagge E., Bensenhaver J., Awuah B.,Toy K., Oppong J.K., Kyei I., **Aitpillah F.**, Osei-Bonsu E., Adjei E., Ohene-Yeboah M., Brewer R.N., Fondjo L.A., Owusu-Afriyie O., Wicha M., Merajver S., Kleer C., Newman L. (2015). Characterizing Breast Cancer in a Population with Increased Prevalence of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer: Androgen Receptor and ALDH1 Expression in Ghanaian Women. Ann Surg Oncol. 22(12):3831-5. doi: 10.1245/s10434-015-4455-x  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **11.** | Agbenorku P., Agbemor Braun V.E., **Aitpillah F.**, Akpaloo J., Aboah K., Agbenorku E. (2015) Ultrasonography as a Breast Imaging Modality: A Review, BJMMR 9 (11): 1-8, 2015, Articleno. BJMMR. 19056. ISSN: 2231-0614.  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data.* |
| **12.** | Schwartz T., Stark A., Pang J., Awuah B., Kleer C.G., Quayson S., **Aitpillah F.**, Abantanga F., Jiagge E., Oppong J.K., Osei-Bonsu E., Martin I., Yan X., Toy K., Adjei E., Wicha M., Newman L. (2013). Expression of aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 as a marker of mammary stem cells in benign and malignant breast lesions of Ghanaian women. Cancer. 119 (3):488-94. doi: 10.1002/cncr.27737.  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |
| **13.** | Awuah B., Martin I.K., Takyi V., Kleer C., Nsiah-Asare A., **Aitpillah F.**, Newman L. (2011). Implementation of a percutaneous core needle biopsy training program: results from the University of Michigan-Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital breast cancer research partnership. Ann Surg Oncol. 18(4):957-60. doi: 10.1245/s10434-010-1422-4  *I was directly involved in the initiation and implementation as well as collection of the data. I was the surgeon who took core biopsies for analysis to generate the data* |

**RECORD OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

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| **NO** | **POSITION HELD** |
|  | Member, Graduate Entry Programme Committee in the School of Medicine and Dentistry  2020 to date |
|  | Member, Infection Control Committee in the School of Medicine and Dentistry  2020 to date |
|  | Member of School of Medicine and Dentistry Admissions Panel  2013-2014 to date |
|  | Additional Work at KNUST   * Teaching of Gross Anatomy (MPhil Anatomy): 2013 - 2017 * Teaching of General Surgery (Department of Nursing): 2008 - 2017 * Teaching of Gross Anatomy (Students of Allied Health): 2004 – 2017 |
|  | Member, Anatomical Society of Ghana Constitution Review Committee 2018, 2019 |
|  | Member of KATH Risk and Compliance Monitoring Committee: 2015 – 2017 |
|  | Head, General Surgery Unit, KATH: 2015 to date |
|  | Postgraduate (Residency) Training Coordinator for Ghana College of Surgeons: 2014 to date |
|  | Head, General Surgery Team D: 2007 to date |
|  | Vice Chairman Surgery Oncology Tumour Board at KATH: 2013 to date |
|  | Provision of specialist general surgery Operative Services at KATH: 2006 to date |
|  | Provision of specialist general surgery Emergency Services at KATH: 2006 to date |
|  | Provision of specialist general surgery Outpatient Services at KATH: 2006 to date |
|  | Training/Supervision of House Officers at Department of Surgery, KATH: 2006 to date |
|  | Resource Person for Ghana Medical Association: 2016 |
|  | Resource Person, Basic Sciences Programme for New Surgical Residents, Ghana College of Surgeons: 2017 to date |
|  | Training of Surgeons-in-General (Membership Residents) for Ghana College of Surgeons: 2008 to date |
|  | Training of General Surgeons (Fellowship Residents) for Ghana College of Surgeons:  2008 to date |
|  | Training of Surgeons-in-General (Membership Residents) for West African College of Surgeons: 2006 to date |
|  | Training of General Surgeons (Fellowship Residents) for West African College of Surgeons: 2006 to date |
|  | Examiner, Membership Examinations of Ghana College of Surgeons : 2021 |
|  | Examiner, Membership Examinations of West African College of Surgeons (WACS): 2018 to date |
|  | Coordinator, WACS Primary Exams, Kumasi Centre: 2016 to date |
|  | Invigilator, WACS Primary Exams, Kumasi Centre: 2015 to date |
|  | Member, Education Committee, WACS - Ghana Chapter: 2015 to date |
|  | Resource Person, Career guidance Counseling to:   * Junior High School Students: 2014 to date * Senior High school Students (my Alma mater): 2017 to date |
|  | Resource Person: Mactonee Cancer Foundation  Resource Person: The Methodist Church of Ghana, Ayeduase Circuit – 2016  Resource Person: Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons – 2013, 2019 |
|  | Resource Person, Health Education and Screening Programmes for Kokofu Queen-mothers Association |
|  | Vice-President of Alma mater (Saint John’s College) Year Group World-Wide: 2017 to date |

**SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| **DATE** | **POSITION** | **INSTITUTION** |
| 2020 to date | Senior Lecturer | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST) |
| 2007 – 2020 | Lecturer | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST) |
| 2006 – | Consultant General Surgeon | Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) |
| 2003 – 2007 | Clinical Demonstrator | KNUST |
| 2001 – 2006 | Surgical Resident | KATH |
| 2000 – 2001 | Medical Officer | KATH |
| 1999 - 2000 | House Officer | KATH |

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