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7. **Postgraduate:** West African Postgraduate Medical College, Faculty of Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi-Ghana
8. **Academic and Professional Qualification:**

1. Fellowship of West African College of Physicians, Internal Medicine…. …,2012
2. Membership of West African College of Physicians, Internal Medicine.........2006
3. MBChB……………………………………………………………….….,….1996
4. B. Sc. (Human Biology) …………………………………………………….1993
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6. Fellow, West African Postgraduate College of Physicians
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8. Member, Ghana Medical Association
9. Member, Komfo Anokye Doctors Association
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11. **Curret Positions:**
12. **Lecturer,** Department of Medicine, School of Medicine and Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, 1st April, 2014 to date.
13. **Senior Specialist Physician,** Department of Medicine, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana
14. **Current responsibilities:**

**Teaching**

1. Didactic lectures on various topics in Internal Medicine and Neurology for fourth and final year medical students
2. Bedside teaching of Clinical Methods for fourth and final year medical students
3. Junior Clerkship for fourth year Dental students

**Clinical**

1. Managementof In- patient Neurology related admissions
2. Managementof patients at Out- patient Neurology Clinic
3. **Past Positions**
4. **Examination Officer:** Department of Medicine, School of Medicine and

Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Scienc

and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, 2018 to 2020

1. **Senior Medical Officer**

January 2000 to December 2007, department of medicine, Komfo Anokye

Teaching Hospital, (KATH), Kumasi, Ghana.

1. **Medical Officer**

July 1999 to December 1999, department of medicine, KATH, Kumasi, Ghana.

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January 1999 to June 1999 department of Surgery,KATH, Kumasi, Ghana

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July 1998 to December 1998, department of Child Health, KATH, Kumasi

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1. **Other Duties**
2. ExtennalExaminer ,School of Medicine and Health Sciences,University of Development Sudies, Tamale
3. Promote health education on various medical issues on various platforms involving churches, schools, etc

1. **PUBLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF RESEARCH**
2. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J**, Agyei M, Kontoh S, Ovbiagele B. Risk Factor Control in Stroke Survivors with Diagnosed and Undiagnosed Diabetes: A Ghanaian Registry Analysis. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2020 Dec;29(12):105304. doi: 10.1016/j.jstrokecerebrovasdis.2020.105304. Epub 2020 Sep 22. PMID: 32992189.
3. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J**, Obese V, Adamu S, Agbenorku M, Ovbiagele B. Prevalence and predictors of post-stroke epilepsy among Ghanaian stroke survivors. J Neurol Sci. 2020 Nov 15; 418:117138. doi: 10.1016/j.jns.2020.117138. Epub 2020 Sep 12. PMID: 32947087.
4. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J,** Adamu S, Obese V, Agbenorku M, Ovbiagele B. Frequency and factors linked to refractory hypertension among stroke survivors in Ghana. J Neurol Sci. 2020 Aug 15; 415:116976. doi: 10.1016/j.jns.2020.116976. Epub 2020 Jun 5. PMID: 32535251; PMCID: PMC7678803.
5. Sarfo FS, Opare-Sem O, Agyei M, **Akassi J**, Owusu D, Owolabi M, Ovbiagele B. Risk factors for stroke occurrence in a low HIV endemic West African country: A case-control study. J Neurol Sci. 2018 Dec 15; 395:8-16. doi: 10.1016/j.jns.2018.09.021. Epub 2018 Sep 20. PMID: 30268726; PMCID: PMC6368355.
6. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J**, Kyem G, Adamu S, Awuah D, Kantanka OS, Ovbiagele B. Long-Term Outcomes of Stroke in a Ghanaian Outpatient Clinic. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2018 Apr;27(4):1090-1099. doi: 10.1016/j.jstrokecerebrovasdis.2017.11.017. Epub 2017 Dec 20. PMID: 29275059; PMCID: PMC5845472.
7. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J**, Adamu S, Obese V, Ovbiagele B. Burden and Predictors of Poststroke Cognitive Impairment in a Sample of Ghanaian Stroke Survivors. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2017 Nov;26(11):2553-2562. doi: 10.1016/j.jstrokecerebrovasdis.2017.05.041. Epub 2017 Jun 23. PMID: 28652059; PMCID: PMC5624827.
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10. Sarfo FS, **Akassi J,** Badu E, Okorozo A, Ovbiagele B, Akpalu A. Profile of neurological disorders in an adult neurology clinic in Kumasi, Ghana. eNeurologicalSci. 2016 Jun; 3:69-74. doi: 10.1016/j.ensci.2016.03.003. PMID: 27110596; PMCID: PMC4839267.
11. Sarfo FS, Awuah DO, Nkyi C, **Akassi J,** Opare-Sem OK, Ovbiagele B. Recent patterns and predictors of neurological mortality among hospitalized patients in Central Ghana. J Neurol Sci. 2016 Apr 15; 363:217-24. doi: 10.1016/j.jns.2016.02.041. Epub 2016 Feb 17. PMID: 27000253.
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13. Roberto Cilia, Albert Akpalu, Fred Stephen Sarfo, Momodou Cham, Marianna Amboni, Emanuele Cereda, Margherita Fabbri, Patrick Adjei, **John Akassi**, Alba Bonetti, Gianni Pezzoli, The modern pre-levodopa era of Parkinson’s disease: insights into motor complications from sub-Saharan Africa, Brain, Volume 137, Issue 10, October 2014, Pages 2731–2742, <https://doi.org/10.1093/brain/awu195>

**Books I have Co-authored**

1. Guide to History Taking and Clinical Examination for Medical Students. Department of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, KNUST, Second Edition, 2018
2. Guide to History Taking and Examination for Medical Students. Department of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, KNUST, First Edition, 2016
3. **CONFERENCES AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION:**
4. COVID-19 in Ghana-Current Realities and Future Concerns, 15th April 2021
5. COVID-19 Vaccine Ghana’s Preparedness and What you need to know, 28th February 2021
6. AstraZeneca Cardiovascular Webinar Series, 17th September 2020
7. Improving the Quality of Patients life in Ulcerative colitis, the role of 5-ASA, 29TH May 2020
8. Hypoglycemia; a major limiting factor to achieving intensive glycaemia control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, 29th May 2019, Kumasi, Ghana
9. Epidemiology and Evidence based management of heart failure, 7th March 2019, Kumasi, Ghana
10. The Cardiovascular Masterclass 2018, AstraZeneca/Euracare, 15th February 2018, Kumasi Ghana
11. Pfizer GP Academy, Web Meet Sessions, 22nd February 20118, Kumasi, Ghana
12. AstraZeneca GI Masterclass, 22nd February, 2018, Kumasi, Ghana
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