

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **APPOINTMENT:**

- **Lecturer - Pharmacy practice Dept. (KNUST)**
- **Senior Specialist- Internal Medicine (Endocrinology).**
- **Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Services**
- **Clinical Pharmacist.**
- **Head, Internal Medicine Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacy Practice, KATH.**

- **Member of Board of Examiners (PHARMACY COUNCIL)**
  - **Internal Examiner (KNUST)**
  - **Lecturer (Ghana College of Pharmacist).**
  - **Preceptor (West Africa College of Pharmacist).**
  - **Fellow (Ghana College of Pharmacist).**
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## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Nationality** : Ghanaian

**Home Town** : Adebaba, Kumasi, Ashanti-Region

**Marital Status** : Married

**No. of children** : Two (2)

**Date of Birth** : 8<sup>th</sup> January 1966

**Hobbies** : Reading and sports

## **EDUCATION**

**1972-1982** New Asafo Primary & Middle School, Kumasi

**1982-1987** Obuasi Secondary and Technical school, Obuasi

**General Certificate of Education (Ordinary level)**

**1987-1989** Kumasi High School, Kumasi

**General Certificate of Education (Advanced level)**

1991-1996 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), Kumasi,  
Ghana

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons)**

2006-2010 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology

**Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy.**

17th February-14<sup>th</sup> march 2014

**Health administration and management course (HAM). GIMPA, Accra.**

2014 -2019: Fellow, Ghana College of pharmacy, Accra.

**Specialty in Endocrinology.**

**Doctor of Pharmacy**

August 2017-JUNE 2018 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology  
Kumasi.

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) student**

September 2018 till date at University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

National Service at Adwasi junior secondary school from 1989 to 1991 as a Teaching Assistance.

**Responsibilities; Teaching and tutorial.**

National service at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital from 1996-1997 as Pharmacy intern.

**Responsibilities;** Drug monitoring at the wards.

Dispensing of drugs at the Pharmacy.

Drug reconstitution at the wards.

Patients counselling.

**Preceptor; KNUST and Pharmacy council. 2004 -2010**

**Responsibilities;** Training of MSc and MPhil, Clinical Pharmacy students.

Training of foreign student from KNUST to KATH.

KNUST students who come on attachment.

Supervision and training of Intern Pharmacists.

Supervision and training of Pharmacy Technicians.

**Part Time Lecturer, Pharmacy Practice; KNUST, from 2011 till 2020.**

**Responsibilities;** Training of MSc and MPhil, Clinical Pharmacy students.

Training of foreign student from KNUST to KATH.

Training of Doctor of pharmacy. (5 and 6<sup>th</sup> year students)

Training of Top up Doctor of Pharmacy students.

KNUST students who come on attachment.

Supervision and training of Pharmacy Technicians.

**Lecturer; Ghana College of pharmacy.**

**Responsibilities; Training of students during Primaries, Membership (RESIDENCY) and Fellowship programme.**

**Preceptor; West Africa College of Pharmacist. From 2015 till date.**

**Responsibilities; Training of students during Primaries, Membership (RESIDENCY) and Fellowship programme.**

**MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. (PAST AND PRESENT)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>POSITION HELD</b>
1997 till date	Pharmaceutical society of Ghana	Member
2008 till date	Diabetic and physiotherapy team (KATH)	Member
2008 – Aug 2020	KATH procurement team	Member
2008 -2012	Men’s fellowship. Victory Baptist church (Tek)	President
2010 - Aug 2020.	Drug and therapeutic committee. (KATH)	Member
2010 till date	National Malaria control program	Member
2011 –Aug 2020	Education and training team (Pharmacy Dept. KATH)	Member
2012 till date	Clinical and research team. Pharmacy Dept. (KATH)	Member
2012 -2015	Kentikronu watch Dog committee	Chairman

<b>2013-Aug 2020</b>	<b>KATH Medical Team for Kumasi sports stadium</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>2017 till date</b>	<b>Member of Board of Examiners (Pharmacy Council)</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>2018 – Aug 2020.</b>	<b>Vetting committee Health Insurance folders KATH</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>2020 till date</b>	<b>Committee for tracer study</b>	<b>Chairman</b>

### **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

- 1 February 9-10, 2020 Covid –19 management organized by Internal Medicine Directorate. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital- Kumasi.
- 2 April 15-18, 2019-Research Methods in Four Days (REMIND) organized by Global Health and Infectious Disease Research group KCCR – Kumasi
- 3 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018- Pharmacy Master Learning Series-Pain Management, Right NSAID use organized by Pfizer Specialties- Kumasi
- 4 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018- Fundamentals of Clinical Pharmacy; Medical Referencing/Lab Interpretation for Ward Pharmacy Practice; Umbilical Cord Management in Newborns organized by Government and Hospital Pharmacists Association (GHOSPA)- Kumasi
- 5 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018- Application of the New Standard Treatment Guidelines in Community Pharmacies organized by Health Access Network- Kumasi
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018- Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Code organized by Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH)- Ho
- 7 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017- Diabetes and Cardiovascular treatment outcomes organized by Pharmacy Council - Kumasi
- 8 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017- Community Practice Pharmacist’s Role in providing Family Planning organized by the Community Practice Pharmacists’ Association- Kumasi
- 9 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017- Current updates in the management of Hypertension in renal impairment; Leadership and Research methods organized by Government and Hospital Pharmacists Association (GHOSPA)- Kumasi.

- 10 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016- Implementation of Quality Standards of Practice in the Community Pharmacy organized by the Community Practice Pharmacists' Association- Kumasi
- 11 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016- Current trends in diagnosis and management of Asthma organized by Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH)- Sunyani
- 12 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015- Guidelines and SOPs for Community Pharmacy Practice organized by Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH)- Accra
- 13 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014-Malaria Case Management and Supply Chain Management organized by the pharmacy council in collaboration with USAID malaria care- Kumasi
- 14 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013- Test Management of Malaria and National malaria control programme, update on policies and guidelines organized by the Pharmacy council in collaboration with Ghana Health service, Kumasi
- 15 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013-responsible use of medicines: saving lives saving money and management of hypertension, organized by the Pharmacy council in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana(PSGH) and Ghana Health service
- 16 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012-Rational use of medicines: A key to quality healthy outcome, organized by Pharmacy council in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana (PSGH) and Ghana Health Service.
- 17 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011- Research Methodology and Pharmacy practice in contemporary Ghana. Organized by the pharmacy council in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana, Kumasi
- 18 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010- Training on revised Anti-malaria drug policy for Ghana organized by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana in collaboration with pharmacy council and Ghana Health service, Kumasi.
- 19 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> august 2009- Pharmacy practice opportunities in an unstable world, organized by PSHG Accra.
- 20 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008- Basic life support for Adults, Children, and emerging challenges in Drug Regulation organized by the Pharmacy Council and Pharmaceutical society of Ghana, Kumasi.
- 21 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007- Pain Management: organized by the Pharmacy Council in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana.
- 22 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006- Medical Aid: The role and limitations of the Pharmacist and Management of Malaria: The new anti-malaria Drug –policy perspective. Organize by the Pharmacy council in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana, Kumasi.
- 23 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005: continuing education program for Pharmacist organized by the Pharmacy council of Ghana.

- 24 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May 2005- HIV/AIDS training programme for Pharmacist in Ashanti Region, Kumasi.
- 25 1st October 2004; Impact of Environment on Health. Organized by the Ghana Medical Association, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital Kumasi.
- 26 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2002; Pharmacists' Role in managing Sexually Transmitted Infections; Policy issues and options for Ghana.
- 27 1<sup>st</sup> April-19<sup>th</sup> August 2002; Quality Assurance program. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi.
- 28 17<sup>th</sup> September-20<sup>th</sup> September 2007; Advances in Medicine conference. Organized by the Ghana College of physicians and surgeons Olmsted outreach, Africa partners' medical, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital Kumasi.
- 29 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2003; modern trends in Antimicrobial Therapy. Organized by Ghana Medical Association and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi.
- 30 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006; Management of Malaria, New Drug Policy. Organized by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana and Pharmacy Council, Kumasi.
- 31 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010; Training on Revised Anti-Malarial Drug Policy for Ghana. Organized by the Pharmaceutical society of Ghana and Pharmacy Council, Kumasi.
- 32 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009; Drug safety Monitoring. Organized by the Food and Drugs Board, Kumasi.
- 33 16<sup>th</sup> August 2000- Drug Monitoring; Continuing Education programme for Pharmacist. Organized by the Pharmacy Council, Kumasi.
- 34 26<sup>th</sup> August 1999- Tetanus Management; Continuing Education programme for Pharmacist. Organized by the Pharmacy Council, Kumasi.

**A. Theses**

1. MSc: Evaluate the level of adherence to the New Anti-malarial drug policy by clinicians at child health, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi: clinical and social Pharmacy department KNUST (February 2010)
2. Charles Anane, Isaac Kofi Owusu, **Joseph Attakorah**. Monitoring Amiodarone Therapy in Cardiac Arrhythmias in the Intensive Care Unit of a Teaching Hospital in Ghana. The internet Journal of Cardiology. Volume 10 number 1.
3. Perditer Okyere, Isaac Okyere, Richard Kobina Dadzie Ephraim, **Joseph Attakorah**, Charlotte Osafo, Bernard Arhin, Sarah Bachellet and Albert Abaka-Yawson. Spectrum and Clinical Characteristics of Renal Disease in Ghanaian Adults. A 13-year Retrospective study. The International Journal of Nephrology. 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- 4 Kofi Boamah Mensah, Adwoa Bemah Boamah Mensah, Peter Yamoah, **Joseph Attakorah**, Varsha Bangalee, Frasia Oosthuizen. 2020. Knowledge assessment and barriers to cancer screening among Ghanaian community pharmacists. Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice. Accepted.
5. Kofi Boamah Mensah, Adwoa Bemah Boamah Mensah, **Joseph Attakorah**, Varsha Bangalee, Frasia Oosthuizen. 2020. A systematic review protocol of the antiviral activity Of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine against COVID-19. Sys Rev Pharm 2020; 11(11):1362-1365.
6. Richardson Adjei, Nyantakyi, Perditer Okyere, Edward Appiah Boateng, Isaac Okyere, Francis Adjei Osei, Samuel Frimpong Odoom, Frank Micah, **Joseph Attakorah**. (2020). Factors influencing Knowledge Levels among hypertensive patients receiving treatment at The Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana; a Cross-sectional study. African journal of current Medical Research, VOL 4 NO 1. Published August 2, 2020.

## **THOSE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF PEER REVIEW**

1. Current Stroke Burden in Ghana: A Comprehensive systematic Review Protocol.
2. Surgical Site Infection after Abdominal Surgery.
3. Trends in Vascular Access Types in Hemodialysis in Ghana.
4. Pericardiectomy for Constrictive Pericarditis at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.
5. Acute Kidney Injury and Dialysis in Pregnancy; TWO LIVES AT STAKE. The Komfo Anokye Hospital First Experience.

## **SCIENTIFIC LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2002 Emerging Role of the Dispensing Technicians  
**Resource Person-Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007 Patients Counselling concept. In-patient perspective.  
**Presentation- Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2008 Drug Abuse  
**Presentation- full Gospel Business Men's fellowship, Kumasi.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2009 Diabetes  
**Resource person-Victory Bible Church, Tek, Kumasi.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> sept. 2010 Rational Use of Drugs.  
**Resource person-Pharmacy Interns, KATH.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2010. Rational use of Drugs.  
**Resource Person- Men's Fellowship. Methodist Church, Kumasi.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 Hypertension  
**Resource Person- Victory Bible Church, Tek, Kumasi**
- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011 Prostate Cancer  
**Resource Person- victory Bible Church, Tek, Kumasi**
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Rational Use of Medicines  
**Resource Person- House officers (Doctors), KATH, Kumasi**

- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Tetanus and Snake Bite  
Presentation- Pharmacists, KATH, Kumasi**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 STROKE  
Resource Person- Victory Baptist Church, Tek, Kumasi**
- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 Rational Use of Medicines  
Resource Person- House Officers, KATH**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, S.O. A. P. O Presentation  
Resource Person-KNUST Kumasi.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 S.O.A.P.O Presentation  
Resource Person-KNUST Kumasi.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Coronary Heart Disease  
Resource Person-KATH Kumasi.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Laboratory Investigation  
Resource Person-Ghana College Accra**
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Stroke: Classification, Diagnosis and  
Management.  
Resource Person- Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical  
Sciences. KNUST.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Medications Reconstitution for Nurse at Internal  
Medicine department.  
Resource Person –KATH.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019: Management of First Aid Box at Home  
Resource Person- Victory Baptist Church Ayigya Tek KSI.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Continuous Professional Development (Vascular Access).  
Resource Person- Ghana Medical Association.**

## **EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

## **POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY**

**1989-1991**

**Teaching Assistant, Adwasi Junior Secondary school**

**Responsibilities;**

- (a) Teaching Assistant
- (b) Assisting the students

**1996-1997**

**Pharmacy Intern**

Responsibilities;

- (a) Drug Monitoring at the ward
- (b) Dispensing of Drugs at the Pharmacy
- (c) Patient counselling

**1998-2001**

**Pharmacist; Pharmacy Stores, KATH.**

Responsibilities;

- (a) Taking inventory of all expired Drugs
- (b) Physical destruction of all expired Drugs
- (c) Documentation of both expired and non-expired drugs.

**2002-2004**

**Senior Pharmacist; Polyclinic OPD Pharmacy, KATH.**

Responsibilities;

- (a) Managing and dispensing medicines to out and In-patients.
- (b) Advising Clinicians on drug interactions and incompatibilities
- (c) Supervision and training of Pharmacy inters and Pharmacy Technicians

**2005-2006**

**Senior Pharmacist, Obstetrics, and gynecology.**

Responsibilities;

- (a) Advising Clinicians on drug interactions and incompatibilities
- (b) Requisition of medicines and dispensing of medicines to in-patients in obstetrics and gynecology directorates
- (c) Supervision and training of Pharmacist and Interns.

2006- 2006

**Principal Pharmacist In-charge of the Specialist  
O.P.D Pharmacy Unit. KATH**

**Responsibilities;**

- (a) Managing and dispensing medicines to In -patients
- (b) Assessing, identifying and resolving medication therapy problems related to the clinical appropriateness of each medications being taken by the patients including benefits versus risk
- (c) Supervision and training of Pharmacy Interns and Pharmacy Technicians
- (d) The appropriateness of the dose and dosing regimen of each medication
- (e) Monitoring and evaluating the patients response to therapy, including safety and effectiveness interpreting, monitoring and assessing patients' laboratory results when available
- (f) Communicating appropriate information to the Physician or other healthcare providers, including consultation on the identified medication problems, updates on the patient's progress and recommended follow-up care.

2009-2010

**Clinical Pharmacist in-charge of the specialist OPD pharmacy  
Unit. KATH**

**Responsibilities;**

- (a) Managing and dispensing medicines to out-patients,
- (b) Advising Clinicians on drug interactions and incompatibilities
- (c) Dispensing eye and ear medicines to DEENT
- (d) Supervision and training of Pharmacy Interns and Pharmacy Technicians.

2011- 2020

**Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Services/ Clinical  
Pharmacist In-charge of Medicine Pharmacy KATH.**

**Responsibilities;**

- (a) Assessing, identifying and resolving medication therapy problems related to the clinical appropriateness of each medication being taken by the patient, including benefit versus risk.
  
- b) The appropriateness of the dose and dosing regimen of each medication, including consideration of indicators, contraindications, potential adverse effects and potential problems with concomitant medications.

- (c) Monitoring and evaluating the patient's response to therapy, including safety and effectiveness interpreting, monitoring and assessing patients' laboratory results when available.
- (e) Communicating appropriate information to the physician or other healthcare providers, including consultation on the selection of medications, solution to identified medication problems, updates on the patient's progress and recommended follow-up care.
- (f) Dispensing of medicines to In-patients at the medicine directorate

**2012 till date**

**Lecturer; Social and Clinical Pharmacy KNUST**

Responsibilities;

- (a) Training of MSc. Clinical Pharmacy Students
- (b) Training of Foreign Students at KATH
- (c) Training of Pharmacy Interns.
- (d) Training of Doctor of Pharmacy students
- (e) Training of Top up Pharm D Students
- (f) Training of students on attachment

**19<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye**

**Teaching Hospital.**

Responsibilities

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**20<sup>th</sup> June -5<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye**

**Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**2<sup>nd</sup> June -20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye**

**Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy **Units**
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb -26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye**

**Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016**

**Acting Chairman of Procurement Committee**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH

**3<sup>rd</sup> July -28 July 2017**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye**

**Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Acting Chairman of Drug and Therapeutic Committee**

**Responsibilities.**

- (a) **Procurements of Medicines to KATH**
- (b) **Rational use of medication at KATH**

**10<sup>th</sup> JULY – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye  
Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye  
Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019**

**Acting Chairman of Procurement Committee  
Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH

**2<sup>nd</sup> June -26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Acting Director of Pharmacy. Komfo Anokye  
Teaching Hospital.**

**Responsibilities**

- (a) Procurements of Medicines to KATH
- (b) Attending Management meetings
- (c) Supervising the Management of all the Pharmacy Units
- (d) Responsible for the Welfare of all Pharmacy Staff

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