

# AMERICA HONOURS PROF. STEPHEN TABIRI

**A**n Associate Professor at the University for Development Studies and a consultant surgeon at the Tamale Teaching Hospital Stephen Tabiri has been honoured by the America College of Surgeons at a function in the United States of America.

The prestigious American College of Surgeons in their award programme for the year 2014 admitted the Ghanaian medical practitioner and lecturer into fellowship as an Associate Fellow of American College of Surgeons.

Readers would recall that in the 11th November edition of TNF, we placed a teaser on the award and promised readers to give a more detail account of the man Dr Stephen Tabiri and his exploits in the medical field.

He hails from Dumase in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana and was born some 46 year ago.

His most recent CV cited by TNF portray the man as a dynamic, proactive and people-driven surgical professional with over 17 years of experience. He has the proven been able to provide critical surgical support and training to medical professionals both at home and abroad.

Dr Stephen has trained several medical professionals some of whom today serve in highly essential and deprived areas of practice. He also is very instrumental in the effort to streamline and get on board medical students who have trained in other jurisdictions outside Ghana for licensing examination with the Ghana Medical and Dental Council.

His passion for research into newer and innovative surgical practices has resulted in the publication of widely acknowledged articles, and has afforded him the opportunity to attend and make presentations at major international conferences and workshops.

Some of his colleague practitioners testify that Stephen as they simply call him "is results oriented, adept at optimising performance through innovative strategies and possesses excellent skills in problem solving, multi-tasking and institutional communication strategies."

Until this international honour, the Medical Professor has held various positions among which include;

1. Member, UDS-SMHS Academic board
2. University for Development Studies- Associate

Professor in Surgery  
3. Member, PBL curriculum review committee

4. Tamale Teaching Hospital- Consultant General surgeon and Endoscopist

5. Examination officer at the Department of Surgery, UDS, SMHS

6. Head of Minimal Access Therapy and Operative Endoscopy Unit of TTH

7. Tamale Teaching Hospital- Surgeon & Endoscopist, Head of General Surgery.

Trained in Ukraine and United Kingdom for his earlier medical certification, the man with humble beginning has made it his aim to climb higher for excellence and great achievement. He continues to be an inspiration to many medical students and practitioners working under very difficult condition not in Ghana but the world at large.

In an exclusive interview with TNF, he simply told this reporter that his joy is to see his research work leading to answer challenges in the medical world especially in the tropics. "I count myself blessed with what God has done for me and through reaching out to others."

"The best I can do is to manifest the recognition accorded me by the Americans and be a worthy example to the growing medical students who yield themselves to perfecting the practice." He said.

Dr Stephen Tabiri now belongs to the following professional associations namely;

- \* Associate Fellow, American College of Surgeons
- \* Fellow, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
- \* Member, Ghana Medical Association
- \* Member, International Society of Surgery
- \* Member, International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care
- \* Member, European Association for Endoscopic Surgery and other interventional Techniques
- \* Member, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
- \* Member, Ghana Hernia Society
- \* Member, Ghana Surgical Research Society

Aside his work as a health professional Dr Tabiri also takes delight in Travelling, Reading, Sight-seeing, Playing hockey and Surfing the internet.

He also has some publications to his credit. His published works include;

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