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Introducing Ghana Chapter Leader, Dr. Kwaku Poku Asante

Dr. Kwaku Poku Asante is the newest Chapter Leader in the APUA international Chapter network. As Chapter leader of APUA-Ghana, Dr. Asante has developed specific objectives for the new Ghana Chapter including:

- To evaluate the burden of antibiotic resistance in Ghana, noting the prevalence and types that prevail in their health care system
- To maintain an active surveillance system on the development of strains of antibiotic resistance and their respective susceptibility profiles that will help inform policy
- To educate the health professionals, ecologists and patients on the components that contribute to antibiotic resistance and implantable interventions that are needed
- To champion for the research funding and interest of antibiotic development and prudent usage
- To provide a drug information source for all types of antibiotics

He is a public health physician with an interest in public health disease focusing specifically on malaria. Currently, Dr. Asante is a Clinical Research Fellow at the Kintampo Health Research Centre, Ghana Health Service.

Dr. Asante earned a BSc. in Medical Sciences (1997), MD degree (2001) and Masters in Public Health (2004) from the premier University of Ghana. He has additional training in the conduct of health research, project management, communication and research ethics.

His research experience has focused on malaria, meningitis and anemia in the Kintampo North and South Districts. He currently holds a Malaria Vaccine Advocacy Fellowship with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/ PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative.

More information about APUA Ghana’s chapter activities will be revealed in the upcoming April Newsletter.