University of Kansas - Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

GLOBAL NURSE ANESTHESIA EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
The Goals of Our Trip

- To gain a knowledge of Ghanaian life and culture and an appreciation for the impact of cultural beliefs and practices on systems of graduate education
- To meet and develop relationships with our counterparts in the KATH School of Anesthesia
- To evaluate their current systems of education and practice for nurse anesthetists
  - Problems with high perioperative mortality (1:154)
The Goals of Our Trip

- To explore the possibility of working with the school to develop a Master’s degree for Nurse Anesthesia
  - Completion program for development of faculty
- To test an educational resource using recorded English-language Power Point presentations for anesthesia students
- To provide live educational presentations for Ghanaian anaesthetists and students

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Ghana

- Land Mass is 92,099 square miles (about the size of Oregon)
- Approximate population 29,000,000
- “Ghana” means “Warrior King”
- First permanent states emerged in 11th century
- Ashanti Region was the most powerful
- European powers contested for trading rights since the 15th century
- Britain dominated in the 19th century (British Gold Coast)
- Ghana became independent on March 6, 1957
- Terrain: Coastal savannahs and tropical rain forests
Regions of Ghana

GeoCurrents Base Map
Government

- Unitary Constitutional Democracy
- President is both head of state and head of government
- Tribal regions still have monarchs
Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Groups

- Tribal regions
- Different languages and dialects
- Ashanti Region – “Twi” language
- National language is English
- Ghana is a very religious country
  - Christianity 67%
  - Muslim 24%
  - Traditional religions 5%
Ghana is both modern...
......and traditional
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH)

- Second largest hospital in Ghana
- Only tertiary hospital in the Ashanti Region of Ghana
- Built in 1954
- Currently about 1,000 beds
- Named for an Ashanti priest
- Medical school, Residency programs (inc. anesthesiology)
- School of Anesthesia (Certified Registered Anaesthetists)
- “Missing Baby Scandal” (2014)