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HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
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Dear Sir,

WITHDRAWAL OF ANAESTHESIA SERVICES
RE-HARMONIZATION OF TRAINING CURRICULUM - ANAESTHESIA SCHOOLS AND
AMENDMENT OF PART TWO OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATORY BODIES
ACT 857 (Act 2013)

The issue of name change by the Medical and Dental Council (MDC) is still lingering on. Another attempt by the MDC to change the name "Certified Registered Anaesthetist (CRA)" to Physician Assistant (PA) is to use a backdoor approach by introducing a harmonized curriculum for training to change the already existing Bachelor of Science- Anaesthesia degree awarded to Certified Registered Anaesthetists after successful completion of training to Bsc. Physician Assistant- Anaesthesia. This is a clear violation of the Health Professions Regulatory Bodies Act 857 (Act 2013).

We petitioned the MDC in a letter dated 2nd Oct, 2018 for which a copy was submitted to the office of the health minister during the discussion stage of the harmonization of the curriculum for training. An acknowledgement of the said letter has not been received from the MDC. The MDC has gone ahead to direct the various training schools to implement the proposed curriculum to award Bsc. Physician Assistant-Anaesthesia, instead of the Bsc. Anaesthesia.

Our intended strike action on two occasions were as a result of the several attempts by the MDC over the years to change the name "Certified Registered Anaesthetist" to Physician Assistant. Interestingly, Bsc. Anaesthesia is being awarded to graduates from the anaesthesia training schools affiliated to the University of Cape Coast, over the past four (4) years.