

## RECOGNITION

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**PROF PETER DONKOR** BDS, MDSc, MSc, FRACDS, FWACS, FGCS  
(KNUST School of Medicine and Dentistry / Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital)

Prof. Peter Donkor is the **President of the West Africa College of Surgeons (WACS) Congratulations!**

Peter Donkor is a Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and an Honorary Consultant at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) Ghana. He is President of the West African College of Surgeons. At KNUST, he has held positions including Pro Vice-Chancellor; Director, Office of Grants and Research; Provost, College of Health Sciences; Vice Dean, School of Medicine and Dentistry and Head, Department of Surgery.

His past and present honorary roles include President of the Ghana Cleft Foundation, African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth), Pan African Association for Cleft Lip and Palate, and Ghana Surgical Research Society. He serves on a number of national and international committees/boards of business concerns, NGOs, regulatory bodies, academia, and associations.

He spearheaded the development of cleft lip and palate, oral cancer, and emergency medical services at KATH.

As a researcher, he has led multiple externally funded projects and mentored clinicians, junior faculty, and students to obtain MPH/Ph.D. degrees and professional Fellowships. His research interests include cleft lip and palate, oral cancer, injury control, global surgery, and medical education. He has to his credit multiple peer-reviewed scientific publications.



**PROFESSOR GRACE ANYELE PARKINS** BDS, LDS.RCPS, FDS.RCPS(Glas), FWACS, FGCS, FICD, FICOI  
(University of Ghana Dental School / Korle Bu teaching Hospital)

Prof. Parkins is the **Honorary Treasurer of the West Africa College of Surgeons (WACS). Congratulations!**

Prof. Grace Evangeline Anyele Parkins is an accomplished and exemplary academic, wrought by many years of clinical, teaching and research experiences. She is an Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery of the University of Ghana, and a Consultant at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital.

Her rise to the current position as Treasurer of the West African College of Surgeons comes after having served as the Head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dean of the University of Ghana Dental School, and having served on myriad committees of the University of Ghana throughout her career. Prof Parkins' training and early years of practice span across Ghana, Scotland, England and Nigeria before settling with the University of Ghana and the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital.

Prof Parkins has many peer-reviewed publications to her name, with wide research interests in trauma, maxillofacial oncology, Radiology, Anatomy, and other areas in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Aside the Fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons, she is a Fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow. She was also the first Treasurer of the African Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons right at its inception.

Epitomized by being the first female Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in Ghana, Prof. Parkins' unwavering determination, has benefitted many generations of Dentists, Surgeons and the larger community. It is with this same resolve that she serves the West African College of Surgeons in the honorable capacity as Treasurer.

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**DR GILBERT ABORYO ANKRAH** BDS, FWACS Part 1, MSc, LDSRCS, FDSRCS, FGCS, FGDA, FGMA

(Chief Consultant at The Specialist Dental Practice at West Legon and Specialist Health Ghana Dental Clinic at Spintex. / CEO of Specialist Health Ghana Company Limited)

Dr. Ankrah is currently the **President of the Commonwealth Dental Association(CDA). Congratulations!**

Dr. Ankrah has been in office for only 2 months. However, his impact is being felt among the GDA membership through the GDA - CDA partnership in hosting Good Quality Webinars monthly and the CDA Small Grants Scheme for Digitisation of GDJ.

He was the President of the Ghana Dental Association from June 2011 to June 2015. The GDA conferred the dignity of Fellow of the GDA on Dr. Ankrah on July 1st, 2016.

He was the Regional Vice President of the Commonwealth Dental Association, West Africa, from 2015 to 2017. He was elected in San Francisco, USA, in September 2019 as President-Elect of the Commonwealth Dental Association. The Ghana Medical Association conferred on Dr. Ankrah the Highest Honour, Fellow of the GMA, on November 5th, 2021.

In 2021 one of the Dental Surgeries at KNUST Hospital was named after him. "Dr. Gilbert A Ankrah Surgery;" for his contributions as a Lecturer, and Head of Department of Adult Oral Health, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Dental School from 2009 to 2014. He was honored by the KNUST Dental Surgery Pioneer Class of 2012. The citation described him as the "Epitome of Hard-work and Thoroughness."

He lectured at the University of Ghana Dental School from 1999 to 2000. In 1999 the University of Ghana Medical Students Association conferred Dr. Ankrah Best Teaching Award for Dental Clinical Year 1.

Between 2000 and 2004, he worked in General Dental Practice in the UK. On his return to Ghana, he was awarded Foundation Fellow of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2004. His research interests are in Occlusion, Cariology, and Tooth wear.

