

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF THE WEST INDIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1999/2000 TO 2009/2010

1. Introduction

The Ministry of Health is tabling eleven (11) Annual Reports for the University Hospital of the West Indies for the following financial years:

- 1999 – 2000
- 2000 – 2001
- 2001 – 2002
- 2002 – 2003
- 2003 – 2004
- 2004 – 2005
- 2005 – 2006
- 2006 – 2007
- 2007 – 2008
- 2008 – 2009
- 2009 – 2010.

The University Hospital of the West Indies is the regional teaching hospital for the Caribbean. It provides secondary and tertiary health care services to both local and regional communities. Additionally, it is a multidisciplinary Type A health facility and is a referral hospital accepting cases from both public and private hospitals. The University Hospital of the West Indies is managed by a Board of Management which is established in keeping with Section 4(6) of The University Hospital Act.

This Honourable House is being asked to note that this is the first time that this Hospital is tabling its Annual Reports.

2. Performance of the Hospital 1999/2000 – 2009/2010

2.1 Admissions to Hospital

Visits to the University Hospital of the West Indies totalled 207,269; with average yearly attendance of 18,843. The year 2002/2003 had the highest number of visits with 20,562. There was a reduction in admissions beginning in 2005/2006 with the lowest number in 2006/2007, which slowly recovered in the subsequent years.

2.2 Post Basic Nursing Course

During the review period, the University Hospital of the West Indies offered several post basic nursing education courses. These included Accident and Emergency, Operating Theatre, Intensive Care and in 2007 a Neonatal Intensive Care course was introduced. The Hospital subsequently offered a Nephrology course in 2008.

A total of 694 nurses graduated from the post basic courses during the eleven years under review. The 2006/2007 financial year recorded 89 graduates, which was significantly above all other years.

2.3 Accident and Emergency Visits

Visits to the Accident and Emergency Departments (Casualty) totalled 590,288; with average yearly visits of 53,663. The year 2005/2006 had the highest number of visits with 59,698.

2.4 Outpatient Clinics Visits

During the period under review visits to the Outpatient Clinics totalled 1,080,601; with average yearly attendance of 97,255. The highest number of visits was recorded in 2005/2006 with 110,211.

The final year of the review period however, showed the sharpest decrease in visits moving to 90,092 from 96,471 in the previous year.

2.5 Support Services

During the review period in excess of 600,000 x-ray examinations were performed during the period review; representing an average of over 55,000 examinations annually. Patients with kidney failure received an average of 8,500 haemodialysis and approximately 1,100 for peritoneal dialysis treatments.

On average, approximately 32,000 prescriptions were filled each year with nearly two (2) items per script.

3. DECLARATION OF COMPENSATION

3.1 A copy of the compensation package of the Board of Directors and Senior Managers of the Hospital, for the period under review, has been included in each Annual Report.

4. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The University Hospital of the West Indies operated at a surplus for six (6) of the eleven (11) years. The highest surplus was recorded in 1999/2000; the final three years of the period review showed a significant increase in surplus moving to 278.7M in 2009/2010 from 6.4M in 2007/2008.

The Auditors, KPMG Peat Marwick were unable to satisfactorily verify the completeness, existence and accuracy of income from patients fees based on required standards as at July 31, 1999. Except for the possible effects of such adjustments, the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Hospital's affairs for all financial years.



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