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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF THE WEST INDIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Ministry of Health is tabling the Annual Report for the University Hospital of the West Indies for the financial year 2012 – 2013.
- 1.2 As the regional teaching hospital for the Caribbean the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) 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 UHWI is managed by a Board of Management comprising of eighteen members which is established in keeping with Section 4(6) of The University Hospital Act.
- 1.3 Approximately sixteen (16) departments remained functional and continues to make important strides in the delivery of quality health care services to Jamaicans and clients in the Region

### 2. Performance of the Hospital 2012/2013

#### 2.1 Hospital Operations

Visits to the UHWI totalled eighteen thousand three hundred and nine (18,309), representing an 11.3% increase in admissions when compared to the previous year. For the period under review the average bed complement increased slightly to four hundred and seventy nine (479) from four hundred and seventy six (476) for August 2011 to July 2012. The average annual bed turnover rate was forty (40), an increase from thirty-five (35) for the previous year. A total of seventeen thousand, eight hundred and fifty (17,850) patients were discharged during the period under review. A total of nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-one (9,781) procedures were done for the period, representing 2.27% decline in surgical procedures when compared with the previous period. There was a 41% increase in neonatal deaths from thirty-nine (39) for the previous financial year to fifty-five (55) in the current reporting period. There were two hundred and ten (210) autopsies conducted.

#### 2.2 Education and Training

During the review period, the UHWI remained the main clinical laboratory in Jamaica providing clinical training for medical students, nurses and other allied professions. The UHWI facilitated clinical experience in Medical/ Surgical Nursing and all Hospital specialities to a total of one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) nursing students.

The School of Midwifery and Staff Development continued to offer post basic courses for registered nurses in different specialities inclusive of Critical Care, Midwifery, Operating Theatre and Emergency Nursing.

- 2.3 The Department of Medicine hosted a successful Cardiology week culminating in a Cardiology Symposium in February 2013 where lectures were delivered by two Cardiologists from the USA. The Department also continued its outreach programme inclusive of the nephrology clinic and dialysis unit in Mandeville Regional Hospital. The Department of Surgery Radiology, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (SURRADIC) rotated a total of seven hundred (700) undergraduate and one hundred and twenty-five (125) postgraduate. Notably, a nine month preceptorship programme for twelve Registered Nurses who were trained in Cuba was facilitated as a pre-requisite for licensing by the Nursing council of Jamaica.

#### 2.4 Hospital Support Services

##### 2.4.1 *Radiology*

The Radiology Department conducted fifty thousand seventy-one (50,071) examinations of patients during the period. This represents a 15% decrease in examinations when compared to the fifty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-two (59,332) that were done in the previous year. The Physiotherapy Department conducted forty-nine thousand and fifty-three (49,053) treatments of patients, which was a 5.15% increase over the forty-six thousand six hundred and fifty-one (46,651) examinations conducted in the previous year.

##### 2.4.2 *Cardiology*

The Cardiology Department performed seven thousand five hundred and thirteen (7,513) tests, representing a 23% reduction from the nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-five (9,755) for previous financial year. The majority of the tests conducted were electrocardiograms, specifically five thousand seven hundred and ninety-five (5,795) tests which is a 5% decrease from the six thousand one hundred and two (6,102) that was completed for the same period in 2011/2012. A total of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty-six (8,756) haemodialysis were done compared to nine thousand two hundred (9,200), a 4.8% decrease over the previous year. There were eight hundred and forty (840) peritoneal dialysis done which represents a 18.2% decline when compared to one thousand and twenty-eight (1,028) for the previous year. There was a 27% increase in the number of children receiving treatment for the current period when compared with the previous year.

### 2.4.3 *Other Areas/Achievements*

During the 2012/2013 period:

- The Hospital continued diabetes counselling through the Diabetes Resource Nurse.
- The Community Mental Health programme continued home and crisis response visits.
- Practical Nurses through training were upgraded to Patient Care Assistants (PCA).
- There were increases in staffing inclusive of doctors and nurses and several improvement projects were completed during the period.
- In the effort to improve pharmacy services, software to process insurance claims was installed and the opening hours for Out-Patient Pharmacy was extended. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) was also implemented in Out-Patient Pharmacy.
- Service improvements were enhanced by the purchase of new equipment including a 16-slice CT scanner, Anaesthesia equipment and ventilators.
- Renovation works was started on the Emergency Medicine Department.
- The Asbestos Assessment & Abatement project, to rid the hospital of all asbestos containing materials was completed with the help of the Public Health Department and Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa, Vice Principal of the UWI.
- The UHWI Website ([www.uhwi.gov.jm](http://www.uhwi.gov.jm)) was officially launched.
- An approximated twenty five full research papers were completed and published during the year as well as several papers on various aspects of surgery, some of which were based on research conducted at the hospital.

### **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**

- 4.1 The University Hospital of the West Indies operated at an accumulated deficit of seven hundred and seventeen million nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars (\$717,968,614), representing a 310% increase in the deficit when compared to (\$175,045,700) deficit as reported in the previous period, and a 6.3% decrease in the capital reserve of one billion five hundred and thirty-seven million one hundred and seventy-one thousand six hundred and nine dollars (\$1,537,171,609) for the period ending July 2013, when compared with the previous financial year.

4.2 The Auditors DGS Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors concluded that the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Hospital as at July 31, 2013, and its financial performance, changes in reserves, capital funds, accumulated surplus and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with international Financial Reporting Standards.



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