

Vaal Junior Foundation adjudges Dr Clayman best doctor

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A MEDICAL Superintendent of the Ga West Municipal Hospital, Dr James Clayman, has been adjudged the Best Doctor of the Year by the Vaal Junior Foundation for excellence in maternal and neonatal care.

Dr Clayman has not only ensured zero tolerance in maternal death at the hospital, but he has also been a strong advocate for children's rights.

The hospital under his care witnessed an increase in deliveries and a decrease in death cases.

For his effort, Dr Clayman received GH¢3,000, a plaque and a heart monitoring equipment.

Since the inception of Vaal Junior Foundation in 2010, the foundation has become a strong advocate for quality medical care for child-bearing women. The launch of the organisation served as a rallying point for persons affected by substandard care in maternal and neonatal healthcare delivery.

Dr Clayman was also appreciated for his dedication to duty, which made him work harder and ensured that the health of a mother and a child was not compromised.

Faced with limited staff and logistical constraint, the hospital, since its inception, had managed to handle a number of emergency cases, some of which were referred to the Eastern Region for further



• **Madam Dorothy Lebene Akakpo (right), a friend of the hospital, presenting the award to Dr James Clayman, with Madam Mavis Fordjour, a retired nurse, looking on.**

treatment.

The arrival of Dr Clayman turned to be the magic wand and with expertise, he was able to create alternative means of dealing with challenges confronting the hospital and ensured quality health service delivery.

Through his efforts, the facility, which was a clinic, was later upgraded to a hospital.

He was described as a strong believer in teamwork and co-operation as a basic tool in administering any kind of service to patients.

The General Manager in charge

of Newspapers of the Graphic Communications Group Limited (GCCIL), Mr Yaw Boadu Ayeboafu, expressed satisfaction at the fact that a doctor of a hospital in a rural setting was the first recipient of such an award.

He said Ghana as a middle

income country should not tolerate carelessness and irresponsibility exhibited by some health workers.

The Director of the Vaal Junior Foundation, Mr Thomas Vaal, stressed the need to continuously set up better monitoring mechanisms for health personnel.

According to him a visit to the Ga West Municipal Assembly by the organisation showed the good works of Dr Clayman.

He also expressed his profound gratitude to the First Lady, Mrs Ernestina Naidu Mills, for taking the initiative to launch a sustained campaign to curb maternal deaths through educative programmes and seminars.

Expressing his appreciation, Dr Clayman said it was imperative for doctors to treat patients who visited their hospitals as their own as this would propel them to give their best.

According to him, he had never witnessed the death of a child since he started practising his profession. He also gave an assurance of working harder to promote quality health service delivery in the hospital.

The Administrator of the Ga West Municipal Hospital, Mrs Sophia Oware, said although the staff of the hospital were dedicated to their work, it was essential for corporate bodies and the general public to support the expansion of the hospital.