



OBITUARIES

Jacob Plange-Rhule

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After qualifying, Jacob Plange-Rhule came to the UK to study renal physiology in Manchester. Soon after he obtained his PhD, he returned to Ghana to train in internal medicine. He became consultant physician in the Department of Medicine, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), where he started hypertension and renal clinics. Later on, he became head of nephrology services at KATH and taught physiology and was

professor and head of the department of physiology of the School of Medical Sciences, Kumasi. He maintained his contact with UK medicine and was honorary senior lecturer at St George's Hospital Medical School in London.

He was deeply engaged in teaching medical students and doctors. He was also an experienced researcher and published widely on the subjects of hypertension and cardiovascular disease in populations of African origin.

Jacob was appointed vice rector of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS) in 2011 and later as rector in October 2015.

We last met at the end of October 2019 in his office when the Royal College of Physicians and the British Society for Rheumatology were organising a four day rheumatology training course and workshop for doctors at GCPS. Jacob was a supporter of the RCP medical training initiative programme to train doctors in NHS hospitals for up to two years. We discussed organising more short training courses in various specialties in Ghana and continuing mutual collaboration.

He had excellent leadership qualities and was president of the Ghana Medical Association and Ghana Kidney Association.

Jacob Plange-Rhule will be sadly missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and his patients. He leaves his wife, Gyikua, a paediatrician, and three children.

Biography

Consultant physician (b 1957; q Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, 1984; FRCP, FWACP, PhD), died from complications of covid-19 on 10 April 2020

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