

## **Dr. (Mrs.) Beatrice Wiafe Addai**

### **Chief Executive Officer Founder and Medical Director of the Peace and Love Hospitals, Accra and Kumasi, Ghana**

Dr. Wiafe has 26 years experience as a Medical Doctor in Ghana; thus from 1989 to Date. She has been a Breast Surgeon a consultant in Breast Cancer Management for the past several years.



Her training and wide scope of study as a specialist in Breast Cancer Management and a Consultant Surgeon has placed her at a convenient exposition as the Chief Executive Officer Founder and Medical Director of the Peace and Love Hospitals both in Accra and Kumasi; a Specialist hospital that is championing the course of Breast Cancer and Breast diseases in Ghana.

Dr. Mrs. Beatrice Wiafe Addai is also the Founder and President of the Most vibrant Non Governmental Organization, Breast Care International. Dr. Wiafe graduated from the Zaporoshye Medical University in 1989; She started work at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and entered into the Residency Program as a Resident Surgeon in 1994. In 2001, she specialized in General Surgery at the Moscow Medical Academy, followed by a PhD, making her the first Ghanaian Female General Surgeon. She majored in Breast Surgery and Breast Cancer management, Ultrasonography, and Oncology.

Dr. Wiafe Addai is a member of Ghana Medical Association; Patron of the Ghana Association of Female Medical and Dental Practitioners; Patron of the Chirano Gold Mines Ladies Association; Member of the Surgical Society of Moscow; Member of the Board of Directors of Mpraeso Senior High School; Member of the Management Board of the Kwahu Government Hospital; a founding member of the Wiafe Scholarship Foundation created in honour of her late parents, to assist needy but brilliant children in Science and Maths. She is the Chair of the Susan G. Komen Ghana Race for the Cure; She also serves as the Chair for the BCI Ghana Walk for the Cure events; these events attracted over 13,000, 20,000, 30,000, 35,000 and 40,000 participants, respectively, since 2011. She is also the Chair of the Ghana Breast Cancer Alliance. She is a Council Member of AORTIC Council; She is an Executive Committee Member of the International Breast Cancer and Nutrition (IBCN) Project of the Purdue Univ, USA.

Dr. Wiafe Addai has received several International awards including ESOR Quality Achievement Award, 2015, World Leader Businessperson Award, 2015, International Gold Star for leadership in quality (Geneva 2010), International award for Leadership in the Platinum Category (France 2011), and the Susan Bukerly Butler's award, for innovation, initiative and leadership in Science (France 2013), among others.

She is a member of such global Organizations as UICC, IBCN, AORTIC and IARC as an Ethics committee member, a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Direct Relief International.

Due to her charisma, Dr. Wiafe Addai is known as a fine role model and inspiration to women and society as a whole and the quest for a unique professionalism as far as patients' care and welfare are concerned. By God's grace and her endowed knowledge, hundreds of women have been healed of various diseases through her initiatives and directives particularly Breast Cancer.

From a humble beginning, Peace and Love Hospitals now serve as a resource Centre for the Diagnosis, treatment, Counselling, Rehabilitation, and Research for Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Hepatitis Infections and Renal Dialysis among others. It is in view of these, other tangible facts, and through her innovation and preoccupation of developing the infrastructure of Breast Cancer Advocacy, Breast Care International (BCI), an NGO that seeks to the promotion of Breast Cancer Awareness in Ghana especially in the remote communities was conceived and founded in 2002 to intensify public awareness on the disease.

This Public Awareness campaign has salvaged hundreds of women from the devastating effect of Breast Cancer and its related disease and even men. On weekends (mostly on Sundays where most women could be reached), after the exhaustive week days, Dr. Wiafe Addai and her able team normally embark on outreach mission among women groups, churches, Second cycle and tertiary institutions, organizations, and those marginalized in rural and deprived communities, sometimes at the expense of her own financial and logistical resources.

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