

WELCOME TO ST. ANN'S BAY HOSPITAL

SABH is a government funded hospital located in the town of St. Ann's Bay, 60 miles from Kingston in the south and Montego Bay in the north-west. It is a twenty-minute bus ride to Ocho Rios, a major tourist centre. The hospital was built on land donated by H.S. Hoskins in 1925, and serves a population of 8,000. About half of the population is in the 0-14 year age group. There are also many elderly residents.

The hospital serves in-patients (8000 admissions yearly) and out-patients (200 daily) in medicine, surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology. It accommodates up to 180 in-patients and is staffed by general practitioners and consultants in internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery and obs/gyn. Dr. W.W. Wilson, a general surgeon, is Senior Medical Officer. An orthopedic surgeon visits twice weekly, a radiologist once a week. Patients requiring care by other specialists are referred to the University Hospital in Kingston.

Ancillary services include physiotherapy, dietetics, and radiology (plain films and Barium studies) . There is a blood bank and a lab which provides CBC with differential, sed rate, serum glucose, blood urea nitrogen and urinalysis. Ultrasonography is performed in Ocho Rios. CAT is available in Kingston. More extensive lab testing is done in St. Ann's Bay and in Kingston.

Elective surgery is performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Hoskins operating theatre, which is used at other times for emergencies. Specialty clinics at the hospital include Hypertension and Diabetes, High-risk Obstetrics, Pediatrics, and General Surgery. There is also a Mental Health clinic twice a month. St Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios have public health clinics where chronic illnesses are treated and well-child as well as prenatal care are provided. If you have an interest in Public and Preventive Health contact Dr. Coleman at the Ministry of Health in St. Ann's Bay.

What to bring :

- syringes
- needles
- dressing supplies
- hospital gowns
- gloves, masks, head and shoe covers
- suture supplies
- hemocult cards and developer
- nitrazine paper

Have an enjoyable learning experience!