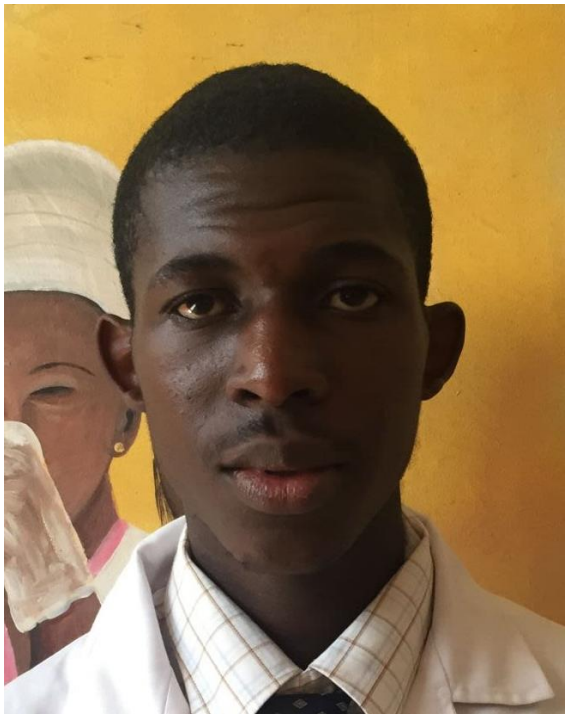


Title: THE MAIN CAUSE OF MAJOR LOWER LIMB AMPUTATIONS AMONG SURGICAL PATIENTS IN EDWARD FRANCIS SMALL TEACHING HOSPITAL BETWEEN JANUARY 2018 TO JANUARY 2019.

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BACKGROUND: While amputation is an acquired condition that results in the loss of a limb, usually from injury, disease, or surgery, a major lower limb amputation is defined as a surgical removal of a part or whole limb by cutting through the bone or joint proximal to the ankle. Major lower limb amputations carry significant psychological and socioeconomic burden on the individual patient and community as a whole. Regardless of fact, major lower limb amputations are a relatively commonoccurence in our hospital facility. To date, there has been no study published to identify the major cause of amputation and the personal characteristics and complications of these patients.

METHODOLOGY: A retrospective descriptive study would be used to conduct the study among patients that were admitted to the Department of Surgery at the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital from January 2018 to January 2019. The study would be conducted using patients records and the information needed would be sought using a structured data collection tool (form of questionnaire) that comprise the patients' socio-demographic, clinical and theirapeutic data. The data collected would be analysed using Microsoft Office Excel. Ethical approval for study will be sought from the Ethical Review Committee of the Teaching Hospital.

The findings of the study will be presented to a panel comprising researchers, clinical and medical professionals, students and other experts attending the ACEMAC 2019 conference from June 10-11 in Helsinki, Findland. Hard copies would be made available for presentation to the scientific community and other relevant authorities gracing event. Also, significant effort would be made in order for the study to be published in an international journal to allow for a wider dissemination of the paper. (Up to 250 words)

Biography

Ansumana has completed his high school education in 2013 at Nusrat Senior Secondary School and is currently undergoing medical training at the University of The Gambia School of Medicine in the main referral center of the country, Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital formerly Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital. Having successfully gone through a year of premedical studies followed by two years of rigorous study in the basic Medical Sciences, he went on to the laboratory sciences: pathology, pharmacology and microbiology whereupon he passed gracefully. Currently, he is a senior clinical student in General Surgery Clerkships. Outside academia, he is the co-founder and director of program of Global Medics for Change, an arising community service organization amongst medical students in The Gambia who are motivated to give back to their community especially the most vulnerable among , namely; women and children. He is yet to publish any papers in an international journal however he has presented a number of papers at an ac. He aspsires to become an Academic Physician. (Up to 100 words)

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