

FDA HOLDS ONE DAY CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS



The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) held a one day Continuous Development Training Workshop (CPD) for Pharmacists in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Research, Hospital Practice, Community Pharmacy Practice, Academia and Regulatory Affairs in the Greater Accra Region at the Conference Room of its Head Office on the 3rd of April, 2017.

In her opening address, the Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Delese Darko, reiterated the critical role Pharmacists play in helping the FDA carry out its mandate as a Regulator especially to curb the menace of misbranding, substandard and/or counterfeit products as well as unsubstantiated product information which has very grave consequences on public health and serious implications for healthcare delivery.

The main aim of the workshop was to build capacities of the Pharmacists in the following areas:

- Understanding the requirements for the authorization and monitoring of clinical trials and management of investigational products.

- Understanding the procedures for granting Market Authorization for regulated products and the registration timelines.
- Obtaining a clear and concise understanding of the role of the Food and Drugs Authority in processing application for the Marketing Authorization of pharmaceutical products.
- Have an overview of post registration changes requirements for all submissions (Variations)
- Appreciate the regulatory framework for post-market surveillance
- Understanding the need for post approval safety monitoring and the pharmacovigilance system in Ghana

It is hoped that with such a sensitization, pharmacists who are at the forefront of product management in industry, healthcare delivery institutions and community pharmacies will be better equipped to play these roles more effectively.

The FDA plans to organize this training in the other regions and have tentatively scheduled to have it in Kumasi and Tamale on June 14, 2017 and September 28, 2017 respectively.

