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The Ghana Medical Journal (GMJ), a product of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA), was first published in September 1962. The first edition contained a message from Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana and GMA patron, in which he expressed the hope that the “GMJ will afford the means of disseminating medical knowledge among yourselves and your colleagues throughout Africa and beyond”, and “May the pages of the Journal demonstrate the tireless efforts of medical men all over the world in the crusade against disease and ill health.”

Over fifty years later, it is fair to say that these lofty aspirations have not yet been met - the medical knowledge in the GMJ, especially before 2005, is not being widely disseminated. For instance, in a GMJ 2012 article on respiratory papillomatosis, an important cause of upper airway obstruction, despite an evident effort by the authors to cite local publications, there was no reference to J B David’s “Acute respiration obstruction in the child” published in the GMJ in 1963. The explanation for this omission is captured well in the Ga language that “No ko ni olele, ole!” – a reference to “unknown unknowns”, as famously stated by Donald Rumsfeld in 2002. So how do we improve access to our medical archives? The solutions are well known - The New England Journal of Medicine offers on-line access to its publications from 1812, the Lancet from 1823 and The BMJ from 1840. The GMJ offers online access from 2005, and I believe efforts are being made to increase access.

Until these improvements occur, we offer this compilation of the tables of contents of all published editions of the journal from 1962. It will enable researches browse the titles of past articles, and search for authors or words in a title. The hard copy version can be used even in the absence of electricity or internet access. There is currently no access to digital copies of articles before 2005. Therefore to read such articles, in Ghana currently, one would need to travel to the College of Health Sciences Library on the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital campus. Outside Ghana, there are incomplete collections in other locations as shown on page 138 and in the separate file “GMJ Holdings”. It is hoped that, in time, the College Library would be able to offer a photocopy service by telephone request, and also that other local journals and collections would be made more accessible.

We look forward to the day when other missing pieces of the solution will be provided in order to achieve the 1962 vision of a journal that will “demonstrate the tireless efforts of medical men all over the world in the crusade against disease and ill health.”

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