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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

SRHA Committed to Supporting Staff to Maximize Talents • Launches Medical Book From Staff Member

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a statutory body of the Ministry of Health has committed to supporting staff members in maximizing their talents. This commitment was given by SRHA Regional Director Michael Bent at the book launch of one of its staff members.

Speaking yesterday (March 4) at the Manchester Club, Mr. Bent said while the Regional Authority is committed to making a positive difference to health care delivery in Jamaica, it will also encourage, facilitate and support its staff in optimizing their God given potential.

The Regional Authority hosted the launch of the recently published work, ***Clinical Dialogues in Hospital Medicine***, a novel approach to medical writing. The author, Dr. Gabriel Ukala is a Consultant Physician and acting Head of Internal Medicine at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. The book was published in Jamaica and released December 2014.

"As a region, we acknowledge that there are many challenges that we seek to correct and improve but we are aware that as a region we need to position ourselves where the rest of the country can look at us as role models" Mr. Bent added.

Mr. Bent noted that ***Clinical Dialogues in Hospital Medicine*** will indeed enhance revolutionizing health care delivery. It is expected to be an invaluable aid to medical students, residents, general practitioners and possibly Consultants involved in teaching anywhere in the world.

Dr. Ukala stated that the book is based on his clinical experiences in Jamaica over the years and "documents classical medical ward round proceedings and "is a clinical companion which provides clear, simple and systematic approaches to several difficult medical topics including ECG interpretation."

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Meanwhile, Nigerian High Commissioner to Jamaica, Ambassador Otunba Olatokunbo Kamson who delivered remarks at the launch lauded the work by Dr. Ukala and noted that the book will not only be useful to the community but to generations to come.

The Southern Regional Health Authority is responsible for health care delivery in the parishes of Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth.



Medical Book With Novel Approach: Dr. Gabriel Ukala talks about his book, *Clinical Dialogues in Hospital Medicine*.

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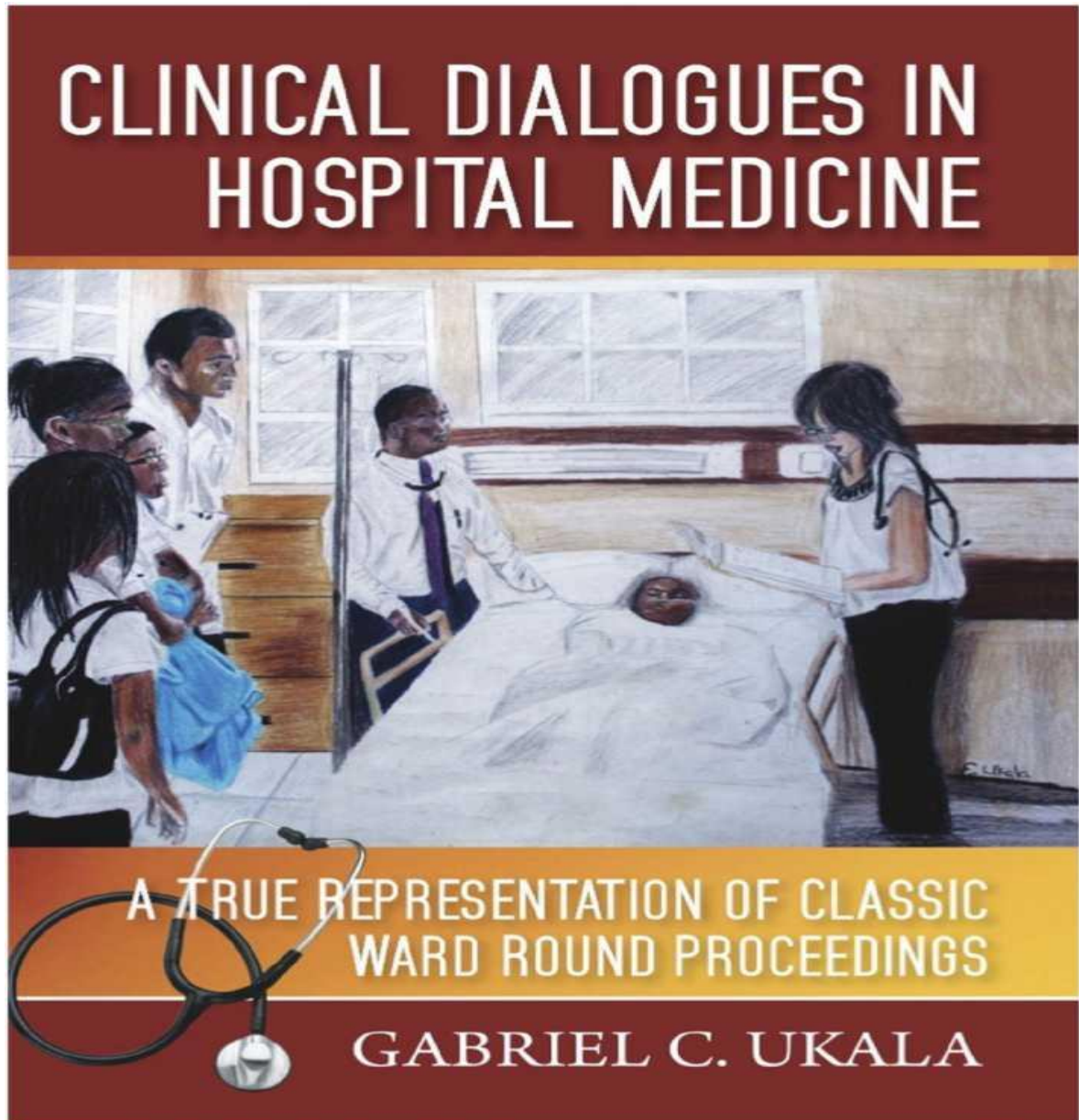
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