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It was a pleasure and a privilege to serve as a preceptor for the pharmacy students from the Howard University School of Pharmacy during their recent international rotation in Ghana. The experience was enriching not only for the students but also for our local team, as it fostered mutual learning, cultural exchange, and professional collaboration.

The students demonstrated a high level of professionalism, adaptability, and enthusiasm throughout their rotation. They engaged actively in clinical discussions, pharmaceutical care interventions, and patient education activities. Despite the differences in health system structure and available resources, the students were open-minded and respectful, showing keen interest in understanding how pharmacy practice is carried out in our context.

They were especially commendable in their teamwork and communication with both patients (despite the language barrier) and the healthcare team. Their willingness to learn, ask relevant questions, and participate in ward rounds and clinical reviews was notable. Their background preparation and foundational clinical knowledge were strong, which made precepting more impactful and engaging.

To enhance the experience for future cohorts, we suggest that students work with the University of Cape Coast in making accommodation plans prior to their travel. An accommodation within the university campus will help in monitoring of student's safety and facilitate joint planned sessions and interactions with PharmD students of the School of Pharmacy, UCC (an experience which Pierre and Ayona unfortunately, could not benefit from).

Overall, the students were excellent ambassadors of Howard University, and we look forward to welcoming future cohorts. We commend your institution for its commitment to global pharmacy education and the development of culturally competent pharmacists.

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