

Celebrating 15 years of Laparoscopy Training and Surgery in Jamaica



2019 Surgery Team Report

The 20th annual Mission of Jamaica Awareness Association of California (JAAC) to Jamaica in June 2019 was most spectacular. The Surgery Team played a major role in the success of the mission. This year was the 17th consecutive year of the Surgery Team participation in the JAAC mission, and the 15th year of the laparoscopic surgery training program. The team consisted of

- Raymond Wedderburn, MD, Surgery Team Leader
- Claudette Coleman, RN, JAAC V.P Medical Chair
- Donald Phillibert, MD
- Uchenna Acholonu MD
- George Savage, MD
- Ijeoma Acholonu Ejeh, MD
- Laurence J. S. Weekes, MD
- Maleasa Mauro (Tech)
- Megan Godfrey (Tech)
- Chidera Ejeh

This was the largest surgery team ever assembled for a JAAC Mission. The team's work began on Saturday June 1, 2019 when some of the team members traveled to Annotto Bay Hospital (ABH) to begin unpacking and organizing the numerous boxes of equipment and supplies that were donated to the hospital. We checked out both laparoscopic surgical towers and made sure all components were functioning optimally. Due to the efforts of Claudette Coleman, an additional capnograph unit was donated, making it possible to safely and simultaneously monitor anesthesia in each operating theater.

