



On Sunday June 3 the surgery team in collaboration with Annotto Bay Hospital, and the North East Regional Health Authority conducted yet another Surgical Seminar. This year the seminar was held at Moon Palace Resort in Ocho Rios, marking the 15th annual laparoscopic surgery seminar. Attendance was in excess of 130 persons. Presentations were informative and well received.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 3rd - 5th, the Surgery Team conducted hands on preceptorships and training in laparoscopic surgery at ABH. During those three days a total of eleven laparoscopic procedures were performed including laparoscopic cholecystectomies, laparoscopic assisted hysterectomy with bilateral salpingectomy, and diagnostic laparoscopy for abdominal trauma.



For Wednesday and Thursday the surgery Team was divided into two teams. One team, led by Dr. Ejeh went to Mandeville Hospital. This team consisted of Dr. Ejeh, Dr. Uchenna Acholonu, Dr. Weekes, Nurse Claudette Coleman, Megan Godfrey, and Chidera Ejeh. This team worked with Dr. Ashok and other Doctors from Mandeville Hospital, and Southern Regional Health Authority, focusing on advanced laparoscopic procedures. During the two days spent there the following cases were done:

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Laparoscopic Ovarian Cystectomy
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Meanwhile, the rest of the surgery team led by Dr. Wedderburn, included Dr. Phillibert, Dr. Savage, and Maleasa Mauro. This team remained at Annotto Bay Hospital and completed the remaining cases from "Laparoscopy Week". The surgery team was involved in a total of 17 laparoscopic surgical cases during the mission week.

On Friday June 7th, Dr. Fraser and the Annotto Bay Hospital Staff hosted the Surgery team at Bob Marley Beach. While enjoying the scenery we took the opportunity to review the week's activities and strategize about future surgery endeavors, including their next educational visit to New York in 2021.