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**SUSPENSION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER-KATH**

The Emergency Medicine Society Ghana (EMSOG) is deeply disturbed by the unfortunate suspension of the Chief Executive Officer of Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital following his decision to publicly communicate the suspension of emergency admissions.

EMSOG wishes to state unambiguously that the CEO's actions were consistent with established best practices of patient safety, risk communication, and responsible healthcare leadership. When a health facility is unable to safely accommodate additional emergency cases, transparency is not misconduct, it is a professional obligation.

Punishing health leaders for communicating operational realities sends a dangerous message across Ghana's health sector. It risks creating an environment where administrators and clinicians become reluctant to speak openly about threats to patient safety for fear of reprisals.

EMSOG stands firmly behind any healthcare leader who acts in good faith to protect patients and safeguard standards of care.

We therefore call for the immediate reconsideration of this decision and a fair, transparent review of the circumstances surrounding the announcement.

EMSOG further wishes to put all relevant authorities on notice that continued actions perceived as intimidation of health professionals and health sector leaders in the emergency space will be met with strong collective professional resistance and advocacy from emergency care practitioners across the country.

Patient safety must never become a casualty of administrative or political expediency.



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