



Dr. Michael Gyasi, a consultant eye surgeon from the centre, receiving the Phaco machine from Dr D'Aversa.

North Western Eye Centre starts phaco surgeries in Ghana

THE North Western Eye Centre, a specialist eye clinic located at Matabaha, Accra, has taken delivery of an AMO Sovereign Phacemulsification machine to start ultra-modern cataract surgeries in Ghana.

Phacemulsification is a hi-tech procedure that uses ultrasonic energy to dissolve the damaged lens in the eye and reshape it through a small tube-like opening in the cornea; the natural lens is then replaced with a foldable artificial lens made of silicon.

It is the main form of performing cataract extractions in developed countries and enables the patient to recover and return to normal activities within days.

The equipment was donated by Unite for Sight, a non-profit organisation

based in the United States of America and works in partnership with the North Western Eye Centre.

Delivering the equipment, a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon from New York, Dr Gerald D'Aversa, praised the North Western Eye Centre for bringing such cutting-edge technology to Ghana and expressed the hope that it would advance eye care services in the country.

Thanking the visiting team, the Deputy Medical Director of the Clinic, Dr Michael Owusu Kyei, stated that the equipment had arrived at a time when many Ghanaians and expatriates travelled outside the country to have such hi-tech cataract extraction procedures done.

He expressed appreciation to the Unite for Sight for its continuous support.