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Oda hospital records 49 cholera cases

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The Akim Oda Government Hospital has recorded 49 cholera cases from August to September 2014, with two deaths.

Ms Anastasia Atiogbe, Birim Central Municipal Director of Health Services, disclosed this in interview with the GNA-STAR Ghana Media Auditing and Tracking of Development projects team at Akim Oda in the Eastern Region.

The project is an initiative to promote participatory democracy and development of district assemblies and communities in the country.

Ms Atiogbe explained that the two patients who died did not report early to the hospital and urged cholera patients to get to health facilities early before their condition deteriorates.

She said investigations revealed that some of the patients had previously travelled to Accra, adding that the hospital had set up an isolation ward for cholera cases.

"We have embarked on an intensive education at the churches and the local radio stations to educate people on the nature of cholera," she said.

She advised people to observe hygienic practices such as washing their hands with soap after visiting the toilet, washing vegetables thoroughly before eating, and drinking clean water.

Ms Atiogbe also advised people to chlorinate well water before drinking them.

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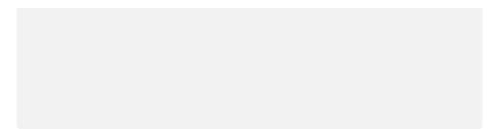
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