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## NEWS RELEASE

**SUBJECT: RISING CASES OF CHOLERA AT K'BU POLYCLINIC**

**RELEASE: IMMEDIATE**

The authorities of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital wish to inform the general public that it is inundated with cholera patients at the Polyclinic and will need about 72 hours to decongest.

Since April this year till date, over 923 cholera cases have been reported at the Hospital's Polyclinic. Out of this number, nine patients, including eight males and a female have died. The Child Health Department has received 34 cases with no deaths.

Due to the huge number of cases received at the Polyclinic, officials have had to turn the Outpatient Department (OPD) and corridors into a makeshift clinical bay. Some cholera patients are therefore receiving treatment on benches, chairs, wheelchairs and any available spot.

While the Hospital takes steps to decongest the Polyclinic, the general public is being advised to observe and undertake hygienic practices to ensure that they do not get infected with cholera.

Again, individuals with signs of cholera should immediately report at the nearest health facility for treatment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gladys Ansong', is positioned above the printed name.

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014**