



## Press Release

*Euracare Advanced Diagnostics and Heart* Centre on front line to perform first Prostate Artery Embolization in Western Africa.

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*Euracare Ghana* is the first and only medical facility in Ghana that is currently performing prostate artery embolization. A world-class angiographic machine (*Cath Lab*) and special software is required to perform the procedure by well-trained *interventional radiologist/Cardiologist*.

Dr Benjamin Dabo Sarkodie, Euracare Ghana's Interventional Radiologist and head of Radiology: *"We have started with the series of cases with great success rate."*

Prostate artery embolization is a great procedure for patients who have been using a urinary catheter for a long period of time because of enlargement of the prostate. The usual procedure to deal with this is, TURP (trans urethral resection of the prostate) operation.

TURP, is a relatively major operation with a long recovery time and potential loss of erectile function (the biggest concern of most male patients). Prostate artery embolization, on the other hand, is a key-hole (*minimally invasive surgery-MIS*) procedure.

*MIS, is a modern surgical technique in which operations are performed far from their location through small incisions (usually 0.5–1.5 cm elsewhere in the body).* The procedure incurs minimal bleeding, scarring, pain and complications, with early discharge a few hours after the procedure.

An initial assessment is undertaken, to ensure that the prostatic enlargement is not due to cancer. A Pelvic CT angiogram is performed to ascertain the accessibility of the prostatic artery.

In Euracare procedure is performed as a two-consultant procedure by *Dr B. D. Sarkodie* together with *Prof. Nicholas Ossei-Gerning*, internationally-renowned expert in *interventional cardiology* and *erectile dysfunction*.

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