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Public Perception of Medical Practice in Nigeria: Time to Change the Narratives, Prof. Ekele

Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele says the future is bright for medical practice and healthcare delivery in the country.

Prof. Ekele stated this in a Guest Lecture delivered at the Third induction ceremony by the College of Health Sciences, University of Abuja for Forty-three newly graduated medical doctors of the University.

In the paper titled "Public Perception of Medical Practice in Nigeria: Time to Change the Narratives," Prof. Ekele said that the time to change the negative narrative about medical practice and healthcare delivery in Nigeria was now.

He identified poor attitude to work by health workers, rivalry among professionals, poor infrastructure and insufficient funding of healthcare services as some of the key challenges confronting medical practice and healthcare delivery and said the narratives must change through greater commitment to work, honesty and humility.

The Chief Medical Director who is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology said the perception on public health institution as bad, incompetent, mere consulting clinics and avenue to divert patients to private hospitals which were more expensive

and therefore unaffordable were a huge minus for medical practice and healthcare delivery in the country.

Prof. Ekele said that the present scenario notwithstanding, "good medical practice in Nigeria is possible given the enabling environment," and the way forward was for professionals to see themselves as a team and not as rivals in the industry, and for medical practitioners to uphold the ethics of medical practice and the Hippocratic oath.

While advocating for the introduction of the equivalent of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund for the health sector, Prof. Ekele said government should also be seen to be honouring agreements with unions as a way of ensuring industrial harmony in the sector.

In a message to the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja, Prof. Michael Adikwu who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Alawa, charged the new doctors to always remain worthy ambassadors of the University.

He said the University currently ranked as the ninth best universities in the country by the National Universities Commission rating and called for the support of stakeholders in making the University the pride of the nation.

Earlier, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Abuja, Prof. Ekundayo Garba said this third set of inductees marked the end of undue delay in medical training in the University of Abuja. ■



Third set of Medical Doctors of the University of Abuja at their induction on 8th June, 2019.

Group Commends UATH for Medical Excellence

A Non-Governmental Organization, Friends of Hospital Patients Welfare Initiative, based in Ado-Ekiti, has commended the Board, Management and Staff of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for what it described as "extra-ordinary medical feat" that resulted in the successful separation of conjoined twins by the hospital.

A letter by the President of the NGO, Barrister Tajudeen Olutope Ahmed to the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele, read in part, "we write to commend the display of extraordinary medical feat by your hospital which resulted in the successful separation of conjoined twins in October, 2018."

He said: "as an NGO with a drive to ensuring patient's accessibility to the best care from hospitals, the group was confident that the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital would continue to record more breakthroughs in healthcare delivery."

"We appreciate the outstanding coordination of the Management of the Hospital and enjoin you to keep up the managerial acumen," he added. ■

From the CMD



Prof. B. A. Ekele

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Welcome to the second edition of our BULLETIN for the year 2019 (Volume 2, No. 2). Too many good things happened to our Hospital in this second quarter that we have christened this editorial: 'A Season of Good Harvests!'

We shall list some of the events for the records:

- The five vehicles (including an ambulance) that were seized and held at the premises of the High Court, Gwagwalada since 2016 because of a default in the repayment of a Guarantee Trust Bank loan taken by some staff members have been released. Thanks to the Legal Unit of the Hospital led by Mr Jonathan Muru for negotiating the release!
- The Association of Resident Doctors (ARD), UATH Branch under the leadership of Dr. Robert Abah, donated some theater materials to the Hospital just as the

Department of Family Medicine also made donation of some hospital equipment. Exemplary!

- A new grant has been won by Dr. Dike Ojji of Medicine Department. It is titled "Transforming Hypertension Management in Nigeria." It will span from 2019-2024. We are very proud of the Cardiologist.
- The International Partnership Project (IPP) renovated the Labour Room and the Seminar Room of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The project was coordinated by Dr Godwin Akaba and the Hospital appreciates his efforts!
- The Japanese Embassy provided a grant to acquire some hospital equipment for the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU). Dr Kudirat Olateju is the responsible officer for the project.
- The former Minister of Health, Professor Isaac F. Adewole, approved the construction of an Isolation Ward in our facility to be supervised by the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC). The contractor has been mobilized and has started at the former 'Ebola Tent'.
- The Federal Ministry of Health also sent a team of developmental partners led by Dr Bola Alonge, Director Dentistry, to assess our Hospital for the building of a NOMA Center. The Department of Dental and Maxillo-facial Surgery and the Plastic Surgery Unit shall follow up on the visit until we get the nod to host the Center.
- The Federal Capital Territory has issued us the Right of Occupancy on the

Hospital Land. It is coming 25 years after the Hospital was handed over to the Federal Ministry of Health. This shall put an end to the encroachment on the Hospital land. We remain grateful to the immediate past Minister of FCT, Mallam Muhammadu Bello for the approval and Architect Yakubu Edicha of our Procurement Unit for initiating and prosecuting the process to a conclusion!

- The Presidential Inauguration (May 29) and the Democracy Day (June 12) celebrations were given medical coverage by a 15-man medical team from the Hospital under the supervision of the CMAC, Dr Nicholas Baamlong. We thank them for giving visibility to the Hospital and for a very professional job.
- Congratulations to all the 33 junior staff that were promoted for the 2019 session!
- Congratulations also to the 3rd set of Uniabuja Medical School graduands for the very successful induction ceremony on 8th June 2019. Yours sincerely had the honor and privilege of been the Guest lecturer at the occasion.

Meanwhile, the fraudsters that created a Facebook account using my details are still active despite efforts by security agencies to track them down. They ask their potential victims to pay some amount for employment or pay registration fees to supply laptops to the Hospital. They use these phone numbers: 09029503744; 07082341308 and 07087423710. They also use the name of one Dr. Egbe as their contact person. Again, am not on Facebook or Messenger, they are scammers. Do not fall prey to their antics!
Happy reading and God bless.

Board Approves the Promotion of Thirty-three Junior Staff

The Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has approved the promotion of thirty three junior staff to their next higher ranks.

This followed their successful performances in the 2019 promotion examination held in May.

In separate letters conveying the promotion to the affected staff, the Director of Administration and Secretary of the Board, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo congratulated the staff on behalf of the Board and enjoined them to continue to give their best in the services of the hospital.

Below is the list of the promoted staff and their new ranks:



Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in session.

ADMINISTRATION

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Freda I. Effah	Chief Clerical Officer
2	Hannah M. Samuel	Chief Clerical Officer
3	Kio B. Awoere	Chief Clerical Officer
4	Yusuf Yunusa	Chief Clerical Officer
5	Festus Ajayi	Chief Clerical Officer
6	Elizabeth Nwatu	Chief Clerical Officer
7	Gadai Tinat	Senior Clerical Officer
8	Dafom G. Christopher	Senior Clerical Officer
9	Rose Dogo	Senior Clerical Officer
10	Magdalene Ngaro	Senior Clerical Officer
11	Sunday O. Oko	Senior Clerical Officer
12	Micheal Terngu	Clerical Officer I
13	Jeremiah O. Okpare	Clerical Officer I
14	Bright Adams	Clerical Officer I
15	Abdulwahab B. Abdullahi	Clerical Officer I
16	Mustapha Ahmed	Clerical Officer Ii

ADMIN STORES

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
17	Friday O. Ogar	Chief Storekeeper

DIETETICS UNIT

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
18	Laraba Mathias	Senior Clerical Officer (dietetics)
19	Angela I. Dunkwu	Senior Clerical Officer (dietetics)
20	Chidera Ogbu	Senior Clerical Officer (dietetics)

ADMIN DRIVERS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
21	John Onazi	Senior Motor Driver/mechanic I
22	Jerry James	Senior Motor Driver/mechanic I
23	Sunday K. Onaiyedu	Senior Motor Driver/mechanic I

WORKS & ENGINEERING

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
24	Inuwa Umar	Chief Technical Assistant

(ELECTRICAL)

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
25	Matthew Istifanus	Senior Foreman (electrical Inst)
26	Joshua A. Adebayo	Senior Foreman (ac & Refrig)
27	Gabriel G. Golit	Senior Clerical Officer (biomed)
28	Isreal O. Komolafe	Senior Craftman (water)

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
29	Moses Micah	Chief Clerical Officer (accounts)
30	Gideon Moses	Chief Clerical Officer (accounts)

LABORATORY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
31	Ibrahim O. Juweretu	Principal Med. Laboratory Asst
32	Atokolo Eyenu	Principal Med. Laboratory Asst
33	Safiyo Habila	Principal Med. Laboratory Asst

Board Inaugurates Projects, More to Follow

The Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has inaugurated three key projects with direct impact on the care of patients and welfare of staff with a pledge of more projects before the end of the year.

The projects include a new dialysis unit with a capacity for ten patients at a time, the Administrative complex expansion and renovation as well as putting to use a 25-seater Coaster bus for staff.

Speaking at the events, the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja said the new dialysis unit which ranked among the best in the country, will not only enhance patients' care but also job satisfaction for the staff of the unit.

The Chairman emphasized the need for careful handling of the equipment for optimal performance.

Dr. Jaja noted that the renovated

and expanded Administrative Complex would provide improved environment for staff to work optimally while the 25-seater bus would ease the movement of staff from one location to another especially on official and social events.

The Board commended the Top Management Committee of the Hospital for the courage to

undertake the projects in the face of very scarce resources and also appreciated the leaderships of house unions and associations for their co-operation.

Earlier, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele, had told the Chairman that the projects were in line with the directive and desire of the Board. ■



A new Dialysis Unit with capacity for ten patients at a time.

UATH Observes World Kidney Day with an Appeal for Healthy Lifestyle

It is estimated that one of every ten people in the world is in one stage or the other of chronic kidney disease.

In Nigeria with a population of about two hundred million people, twenty million are at one stage or the other of the disease with majority either unaware or undiagnosed.

The Head, Department of Medicine at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Emeka Nwankwo disclosed this while speaking to UATH Bulletin on the occasion of the 2019 World Kidney Day celebration. He said that adults who have diabetes or hypertension were at risk. In addition, individuals who are overweight, who smoke cigarette, abuse drugs or are inactive were more at risk.

Professor Nwankwo, who is a Nephrologist, also stated that family members of those with history of

diabetes, hypertension, stroke and heart related diseases were also at risk.

He said treatment of advanced stage of kidney disease was capital intensive, both at the level of dialysis and transplantation. "Therefore, prevention is the main thrust of our advocacy," he added.

Professor Nwankwo said that preventing chronic kidney disease entails maintaining blood pressure

and weight within normal limit as well as individuals diabetes Mellitus having good blood sugar levels at all times.

He called on the government to extend health insurance cover to everyone with kidney disease.

The theme for this year's world kidney day was "Kidney Health for Everyone, Everywhere" and was observed with rallies and free screening for members of the public. ■



2019 World Kidney Day awareness rally. (Insert) Prof. Emeka Nwankwo, Head, Department of Medicine, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

Senate to Push for Higher Budgetary Allocation, Senator Tejuosho

The Senate Committee on Health says it would continue to push for improved budgetary allocation that would enhance the level of health care delivery in the country.

Immediate past Chairman of the Committee, Senator Olarenwaju Tejuosho stated this at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital while flagging off this year's World hand hygiene day tagged: "Clean Care for All, It's in your Hands."

He said while the push for improved budgetary allocation was on, Nigerians should not lose sight of other cost effective ways of promoting healthcare.

Senator Tejuosho noted that regular hand wash was a necessity and could bring down the rate and possibly prevent many communicable diseases that were easily transmitted in hospitals, work places and in many communities.

He said the hospitals were best suited for the campaign especially as it relates to the regular interactions between care givers and patients.

Senator Tejuosho said that this year's hand hygiene campaign with the sub theme: "Turn Nigeria to Orange," should be popularized as a life saving campaign and promised to do so as the brand Ambassador.

Earlier, the Director General of the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Chikwe Ihiekwerazu, said the Turn Nigeria Orange Project was geared towards sensitizing Nigerians especially health workers on the many benefits of hand hygiene.

He said the campaign taking off at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital would be launched in twenty other hospitals across the country.

In an address of welcome, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele, represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, commended the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control for the robust ties existing

between the Hospital and the Centre. He said the Management of the Hospital would continue to support initiatives that would promote safer health for all.

Also at the event, the Chairman of the Infection Prevention Control Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Thairu Yunusa commended the Management of the Hospital for allowing the project to be launched here and for its support to the Committee over the years.

The "Turn Nigeria Orange Project" was organized by the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Infection Prevention Control Committee in collaboration with the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. ■



(In white) Senator Olarenwaju Tejuosho, immediate Past Chairman, Senate Committee on Health. On his left is Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong and on the left of the Senator is the Director, Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Chikwe Ihiekwerazu.

Dr. Muhammad heads Rural Eye Centre, Kwali

Dr. Rilwan Chiroma Muhammad has been appointed as Director, UATH Rural Eye Care at the Kwali General Hospital with a mandate to develop the centre to a high volume eye care facility among others.

In the letter conveying the appointment, a copy of which was made available to UATH Bulletin, the Head of Department of Ophthalmology, Professor Abdulkabir Ayanniyi said the appointment was also to upscale overall yearly eye care services at the Kwali General Hospital and that the

director was free to collaborate with relevant stakeholders in the



Dr. Rilwan Chiroma Muhammad
Director, UATH Rural Eye Care,
Kwali General Hospital.

attainment of the objectives.

The Kwali General Hospital is a University of Abuja Teaching Hospital rural facility for Postgraduate Fellowship training in relevant medical specialties.

In the last quarter of 2018, the Department of Ophthalmology commenced eye care services at Kwali General Hospital as step towards meeting the Post graduate Medical College accreditation requirements and to reduce the burden of eye conditions of people living in the area. ■

UATH is Centre for Pain Free Hospital Initiative

The University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has been designated as Centre for Pain Free Hospital Initiative.

The goal is among others, to ensure that those who come to the hospital

for care receive a holistic pain free care.

Focal Person of the initiative and Head, Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Felicia

Asudo stated this when she led members of the team on a visit to the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele.

She said the team had prepared a schedule of training for healthcare givers for the attainment of the objective of the pain free initiative.

Dr. Asudo noted that unrelieved pain accounts for loss of sleep, appetite and outright rejection of treatment by patients and that the series of training outlined for caregivers were to equip them with the knowledge and skills to control pain.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele commended members of the free pain hospital initiative and assured them of Management's assistance.

He called for post training survey to determine the degree of impact of the exercise on patients. ■



Participants at a seminar on Pain Free Initiative. Dr.(Mrs.) Felicia Asudo facilitating one of the sessions.

“Go and Make Positive Impact,” CMD tells Scientists

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele has charged medical laboratory scientists who recently completed their one-year internship with the hospital to go into the world determined to make positive impact in their profession.

Professor Ekele gave the charge at a send-off for the twenty medical laboratory scientists on a successful completion of the mandatory internship in the hospital.

Represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamong, the Chief Medical Director said he was pleased with the quality of supervision offered the interns throughout the period of internship.

“With the kind of supervision and leadership you have received here, you are set to conquer any challenge in your career,” he added.

In a paper on “Excellence the Hallmark of Professionalism,” the Director of Administration, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Mrs. Khadijat

Adebanjo, enjoined them to cultivate the right attitude to life and avoid short cuts as such only cut short life and vision.

Mrs. Adebanjo emphasized the need for the young medical laboratory scientists to be loyal and supportive of the goals of whichever organizations they find themselves. “You must avoid conflicting interests, be honest, punctual and make discipline your virtues,” she advised.

Earlier, Co-ordinator of Medical laboratory Services of the hospital,

Mrs. Rose Wonder, thanked the Management of the hospital for providing the platform that had made internship training very robust and exciting over the years.

Mrs. Wonder gave an assurance that Scientists in the hospital would always give their best to put the Hospital on the global map of best practices.

Mr. Paul Ihejirika went home with the star prize of the best intern while Miss Ruth Atibor pocketed the prize for the best seminar presenter. ■



Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamong addressing the Scientists on behalf of the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bisallah Ekele at the end of a successful one-year internship.

ARD and Family Medicine Department Donate to UATH

The Association of Resident Doctors, ARD, of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has made a donation of foot wears running into thousands of Naira to the Hospital. This is in addition to a cash of fifty-five thousand naira “to foot the bills or part of the bills of an, or some, indigent patient(s) in the Hospital.”

Making the donations, President of the Association of Resident Doctors, Dr. Robert Abah said it was in keeping with the Association’s pledge to adding value to the quality of care in the hospital and its immediate environment through a vibrant Corporate Social Responsibility.

He gave the breakdown of the foot wears to include: twelve pairs of theatre boots and one hundred pairs of theatre shoes.

“We are committed to serving our training institution and its environ through our Corporate Social Responsibility, and we the members of ARD, UATH, humbly request you to accept our little presentation,” Dr. Abah said.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele said the Top Management Committee of the Hospital was pleased with the

Association of Resident Doctors of the Hospital for the donation which he said would go a long way in meeting the shortfalls of theatre boots and shoes in the hospital.

He said the donation was very significant to him being the first of its kind from a house union or association since his assumption of office as Chief Medical Director.

While promising that the items would be put into judicious use, the Chief Medical Director said the donation by the ARD should serve as a challenge to others.

In a related event, the Department of Family Medicine had made a donation of a monitor and five

sphygmomanometers to the hospital. Making the presentation, the Head of Department, Dr. Shedul Lakai said the department was motivated into making the donation to support the ongoing efforts of the Chief Medical Director and the Top Management to reposition the hospital for a more, effective and efficient service delivery. Receiving the items on behalf of the Management, The Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele said he was particularly touched and further motivated by the spirit of participation displayed by the Family Medicine Department in the actualization of the mission and vision statements of the Hospital. ■



(Right) Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele receiving sets of theatre shoes and boots donated by the Association of Resident Doctors, UATH Branch from the President of the Association, Dr. Robert Abah.

We have land for Development, CMD

The Management of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital as again assured stakeholders and Non Governmental Organisations willing to partner with the hospital that it was open to such

collaboration.

Chief Medical Director of the Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele stated this when a delegation of Noma Foundation and the Federal Ministry of Health led by the Director

of Dentistry, Dr. Bola Alonge visited the hospital.

Prof. Ekele who said a lot of collaborations were already on in the areas of disease control and ENT among others, gave an assurance that the hospital has more rooms for other partners to come and add value to the care of patients.

Earlier, the leader of the team and Director of Dentistry in the Federal Ministry of Health, Dr. Bola Alonge, said the Noma Foundation was in the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital to see how the foundation can add value to what is already on ground in the area of dental services. ■



(Left) Dr. Timothy Oshodin of the Dental Department explaining a point of interest to the team.

UATH BOARD IN ACTION

The Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, at its first quarterly meeting for 2019 inaugurated a number of projects. Below are photo shots of the exercise:



The Board led by its Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja inspecting the restructured and renovated Administrative Building.



Board Chairman, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja reading out the plaque to commemorate the opening of the restructured Administrative building for staff and public use. With him is the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele.



(Fourth from right) Chairman, Board of UATH, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja assisted by other members of the Board inaugurates the new dialysis unit.



Chairman of Board, UATH, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja reading out the wordings on the plaque to declare the dialysis unit open.



Members of the Board inspecting facilities in the dialysis unit.



(Right) Chairman, Board of UATH, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja speaking on a point of interest.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



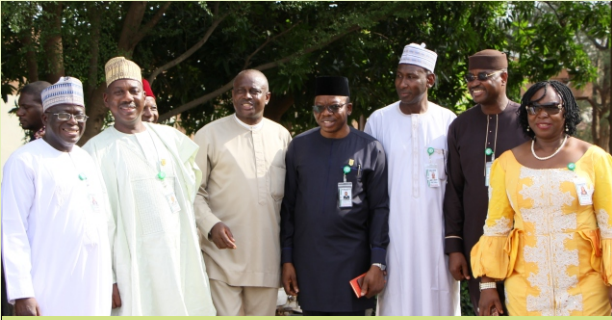
Dr. Richard Onalo
Head, Department of Paediatrics



Dr. Teddy E. Agida
Head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology



Dr. Tunde Ojo
Head, Department of Mental Health



(3rd from left) Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele in a photograph with some Course participants of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos when they visited the hospital.



(5th from left) Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele when he received the Panel on the re-accreditation of the Department of ENT along with some senior officers and staff of the Department.



The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele pointing to an area of interest when a delegation of the Federal Ministry of Health and Numar Foundation led by Dr. Bola Alonge, Director of Dentistry, Federal Ministry of Health, visited the Hospital.



(Seated Middle) Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele in a photograph with the Hospital's medical team on the Presidential inauguration and democracy day celebration.



(7th from left) Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele in a photograph with the Accreditation panel of the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria and Consultants of the Department of Paediatrics.



(3rd from right) Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele receiving a donation of a monitor and sphygmomanometer from the Department of Family Medicine. On the Chief Medical Director's right is the Head, Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Shedul Lakai making the donation.



Newly elected officers of the Non Academic Staff Union of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital led by Comrade Abdulmumin Abdullahi taking the oath of their offices.



(Middle) Dr. Evelyn Jean Ferguson, FRCOG, Chief Invigilator for the Abuja Centre, Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Part 1 Examination. (Right) Prof. Bissallah Ekele, FRCOG, Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. On the left is Prof. Eric Archibong, FRCOG.

FCT Prisons Call for Greater Ties with UATH

The Federal Capital Territory Command of the Nigerian Prisons Service says it is ready to consolidate on the existing cordial ties between the Command and the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in the overall interest of its inmates.

The Controller of Prisons, Federal Capital Territory Command, Controller Mustapha Attah stated this when he paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele in his office.

Controller Attah who was recently appointed to oversee the operations of the Federal Capital Territory Command said had been briefed by his predecessor on the robust relations between the hospital and the Command.

He gave an assurance that the FCT Prisons Command under his leadership would consolidate on the relationship for the well being of inmates who come to the hospital to access healthcare.

The new Controller of Prisons appealed to the Management of the hospital to consider a waiver of some of its charges as its contribution to the welfare of inmates of the Command. Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele said he was delighted to receive the new Controller of Prisons in the Federal Capital Territory in his office and promised speedy care for inmates who patronize the hospital for healthcare.



Visit by the new Controller of Prisons, Federal Capital Territory Command, Controller Mustapha Attah (3rd from left) on the Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital led by the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele (Middle.)

You Have Done Well: CMD Tells Medical Team

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele has expressed the appreciation of Management to the Medical Team that represented the hospital at the 2019 Presidential inauguration and democracy day celebration for a job well done.

Prof. Ekele gave the commendation at a reception organized in honour of the team made up of medical doctors, nurses, pharmacists and transport officers.

He said members of the team who were carefully selected, gave a very good account of themselves and the hospital.

The Chief Medical Director encouraged them to continue to exhibit such high sense of responsibility in their various places of assignment.

Some members of the team who spoke in turns, said they were

grateful to the Management for the opportunity to represent the hospital in such auspicious events.

Members of the team includes:

1. Dr. Idoko Ogolekwu - Co-ordinator, A & E/ General Surgeon
2. Dr. Ali Samuel Sani - General Surgeon
3. Dr. Alexander Akor - Pulmonologist
4. Dr. Enuh Collins - Anaesthetist
5. Dr (Mrs) Godiya Bwala - Family Physician

6. Dr. Jacob Alfa - Cardiologist
7. Pharm. Sardauna Affiku - Pharmacist
8. Ruth Atureta - Anaesthetic Nurse
9. Peace Nwude - Anaesthetic Nurse
10. Hassan Salami - A&E Nurse
11. James Ugbo - A&E Nurse
12. Sarah Yakusak - A & E Nurse
13. Sarah Hassan - A & E Nurse
14. Mohammed Ibrahim - Ambulance driver
15. Salihu Zakari - Ambulance driver



A section of the Presidential inauguration and democracy day Medical Team.

UATH Separated Conjoined Babies Clock One

It was a very joyful moment for the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Buzugbe when their babies clocked one in June, 2019. Members of the Buzugbe’s family could not hide their joy as they brought their once conjoined babies to celebrate their first year of birth in the Special Care Baby Unit, the Hospital.

It was a celebration marked with cake cutting by the celebrants, happy birthday songs, refreshment, back-slapping by staff and prayers for the children, family as well as the Management and staff of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. Going memory lane, Mr. Ferdinand Buzugbe, father of the children, said he remained grateful to God, Board, Management and staff of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for being there for him, his wife and children at the family’s most trying moment.

Commenting on the development, Consultant Paediatrician, Dr. Kudirat Olateju, encouraged the parents to open up the space for the children to mingle with others as it would add value to their growth and development.

The lead Consultant in the separation of the once conjoined babies, Dr. Samson Olori, said at the age of one year, the twins look good and there was high hope for the children and their

parents. The Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamong who was also elated to receive the children and their parents expressed delight at the growth of the children. Dr. Baamong charged the parents to ensure optimal care for the children. According to him, “it will not be out of place for either or both boys to take ill like other children of growing

age, all you need is to seek medical care.”

The Buzugbe twins as they are fondly called were delivered as conjoined at a private hospital in Gwagwalada, Abuja and referred to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for specialist care in June, 2018. They were successfully separated surgically on October 29, 2018 after a four-hour operation.



Some staff with the lead Consultant, Dr. Samson Olori in a photograph with the babies and their parents to mark their one-year birthday. (Insert: The twins after the separation).

Avoid Treatment of Fractures by Quacks, Dr. Sough

Head, Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Tom Sough has advised against patronizing quacks in the treatment of fracture and other bone related challenges.

This is with a view to preventing such consequences as limb deformity, chronic infections, economic and social burdens in the event of amputation.

Dr. Sough who gave the advise while speaking at the Monthly Clinical Education meeting of the Hospital, noted that most deformities carried by

people were as a result of wrong choices made by them and the activities of unqualified persons.

He said while many carry the scar for life, some are denied the ability to carry out economic activities, thereby making them independent economically all their life.

Dr. Sough said that most patients who patronize quacks come off worse than they were after patronizing such unqualified care givers.

He said there was the urgent need for a nation-wide enlightenment on the dangers of patronizing quacks adding that this would help reduce the trauma

and low self esteem that victims usually face.



Dr. Tom Sough
Head, Department of
Orthopaedics and Trauma



Members of staff on the list of Leadway Pension Managers celebrating the 2019 Valentine's Day.



Director of Administration, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo cutting her 2019 birthday cake. Congratulations and more fruitful years ahead.



Mr & Mrs. Michael Atiga of the Public Relations Unit at the dedication of their son, Michael Ojomideju Ajeka at the Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, Passo, Abuja. Congratulations.



Mr. Festus Ajayi of the Public Relations Unit bid farewell to bachelorhood when he got married to former Miss Martina James at the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Gwagwalada in April, 2019. This is wishing them a happy married life.



2019 out-going interns of Laboratory services celebrating the end of a successful internship.



The young Buzugbes holding on to their birthday cake when they recently celebrated their first year birthday.

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Sam Sam Jaja, 2019.