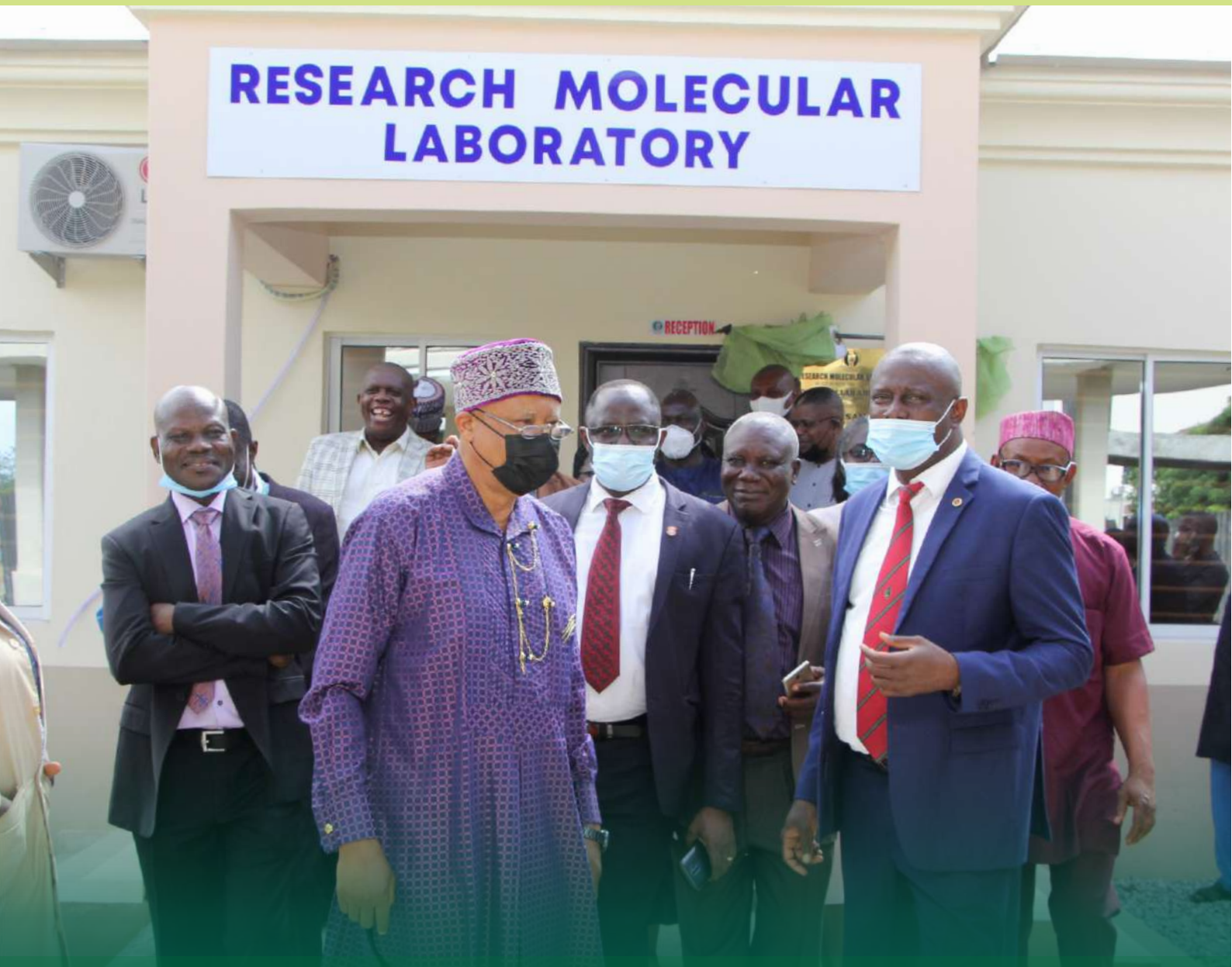




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FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

In line with the established tradition, I welcome our esteemed readers to the third edition of UATH Bulletin for the year 2021 (Volume 4, No 3). The third quarter of the year (July – September) has been remarkable for the hospital in view of the landmark events that took place which the Bulletin has captured for the reading pleasure of staff and friends of the hospital far and near.

Of the many worthy events, our Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, was honored with the Award of **JAKADAN Zaman Lafiya Nigeria** (Ambassador of Peace) bestowed on him by the National Youth Council of Nigeria.

Following the reappointment of our Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele, by President Muhammadu Buhari in June 2021, the Editorial crew led by the Chairman had an interesting interview with the erudite Professor. The main thrust of that interview was to feel his pulse on how he received the good tiding, the secret behind the success, his agenda for the second tenure and expectations from his team and the entire members of staff going forward.

hospital played host to a number of accreditation teams from West African College of Physicians (WACP), West African College of Surgeons (WACS), National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (NPMCN), and the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN). The teams were on a mission to accredit our Departments of Family Medicine, Surgery, Community Medicine, House officers' training and Basic Surgical Skills Course. The exercises were hugely successful as we await the formal outcome from the Colleges and the regulatory body.

The period under review also witnessed the commissioning of projects that are dear to the hospital that include the Research Molecular Laboratory, the Interns' quarters and the Ophthalmology Wing at the Trauma Center. The renovated Orthopedics and Trauma Block has been named **Prof. H. C. Nwadiaro Block** to immortalize the late Professor of Orthopedics and Trauma for his pioneering work at the College and Hospital.

As part of Management's commitment to staff welfare, the 2021 senior staff promotion was conducted and two hundred and sixty one (261) staff were promoted to various ranks across all departments. This was immediately effected and arrears



Dr. Umar Abubakar,
Chair Editorial Board

paid accordingly.

On a sad note, the hospital lost two of its committed staff: Mr. Isiaku Haruna, a Deputy Director (Histopathology) and Mr. Ibrahim Suleiman (Ophthalmic Nurse), which events took place recently. Though shocking, we take solace in our Creator while we pray for the repose of their souls. Amen!

Despite many disclaimers, the Management of the Hospital still wishes to reiterate that Prof. B. A. Ekele, the Chief Medical Director, has no Facebook account but one has been created by fraudsters to dupe unsuspecting members of the public. The public is hereby advised to desist from transacting any business with these scammers.

Happy reading; wear a facemask; get immunized and stay safe!

GUEST COLUMNIST

THE IDIOTS, THE TRIBESMEN AND THE CITIZENS

By Dr. Kethoser Kevichusa



Unless you understand your role in society, you can never make any meaningful contribution.

According to the Greeks there are three types of people on earth:

- The idiots,
- The tribesmen, and
- The citizens.

Studies show only 10% of Africans are citizens. The remaining 90% are either tribesmen or idiots.

When the Greeks used the word "idiot", they did not use it as a curse word. Idiots are people who just don't care. If they write exams, they will cheat. If they are in government they will steal. An idiot does not care at all, if he eats bananas he throws the peels anywhere instead of putting them in a trash bin.

According to the Greeks, some societies have more idiots than tribesmen and citizens.

The next set of people are "tribesmen", these are people that look at everything from the point of view of their tribe. These are people that believe in

you only if you are part of their tribe. It can be terrible to have a tribesman as a leader, he will alienate the rest.

When the Greeks talk about tribes, it's not just about ethnicity, they also consider religion as a tribe. A great percentage of Africans are tribesmen, because they view everything from the point of view of their tribes. They trust only their tribesmen.

The last group is the "citizens". These are people that like to do things the right way.

They will respect traffic light rules, even if no one is watching them. They drive within speed limits. They respect the laws, won't cheat in exams. In government they won't steal. They are compassionate and give to others to promote their wellbeing.

Citizens often promote projects that benefit everyone. The Greeks called this group the citizens.

Some countries have more citizens than tribesmen and idiots. Others have so many idiots. A tribesman can become

a citizen through orientation. And an idiot can become a citizen by training and constant enforcement of the law.

But things fall apart if you elect an idiot or tribesman to lead you if he has not been reformed. Also any organization that has more tribesmen and idiots than citizens will not grow or make progress.

Where do you belong?

Are you an idiot, a tribesman or a citizen?

Editorial Board Comment

*We are fortunate at **University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, Abuja**, to have more citizens than tribesmen and idiots that have mainstreamed the growth and development of the institution. To God be the Glory! We also pray that one day, all staff shall become citizens. Amen!*

UATH BULLETIN CREW INTERVIEWS

THE CMD

Crew: Congratulations Sir on your reappointment as the CMD of UATH by the Commander-In-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **President Muhammadu Buhari**.

CMD: Thank you and we thank God for everything!

Crew: On your resumption of duty as CMD during your first tenure, what were your Vision and Mission?

CMD: My Vision and Mission were not different from that of the Hospital. Provide specialists and quality health care using a highly motivated workforce at an affordable cost.

Crew: We were privy to the meetings you had with HODs

and representatives of Unions and Associations; you were very clear in identifying some issues that are of immediate concern in the context of low-hanging fruits. Can we say in all honesty that your focus has been accomplished to a larger extent? Which one of them is dearest to your heart?

CMD: Maybe I shouldn't be the

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one that should assess myself; rather I will leave you to say how much we have achieved. However, with due respect to modesty, I will say we've achieved close to 60% of what one wanted to do within the first four years. If you ask which one is dearest to me, I will also respond by saying it's difficult to rank them. But if I must list, I will start by saying the acquisition of the Right of Occupancy certificate of the Hospital land was remarkable for many reasons. You cannot stay in a place for more than a year, 10 years or 20 years without knowing your boundaries! I can confirm to you that during the first 3 months in office (July-

September 2017) I got two summons by representatives of communities that alleged that we were encroaching onto the community land. And I said that was not the best way to start this job!

With the help of my colleague and friend, **Dr. Aminu Mai**, who was then the General Manager of the FCT Hospital Management Board and the Honorable Minister of FCT, **Mallam Mohammadu Bello**, we got all the relevant papers and formally took custody of the Hospital land and that has brought peace between us and the neighboring communities. Using the 'Moving Train Model', we've moved through at least 15 departments as at the last count, trying to change what was on ground in terms of infrastructure and equipment. Because we are a Teaching Hospital, we did not limit our activities to infrastructure and equipment alone. In terms of teaching and training, we got full accreditations to those with partial accreditation previously and partial to those not previously accredited. As at last count 15 departments have benefited within the past 4 years. The Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School has for the past four consecutive years gotten 100% pass at the Council Final Examinations with the School



Interview Crew

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producing the best candidate in the country on two occasions! From research perspectives, we have made our mark in primary researches and collaborative international, multi-center trials. Some of our Consultants were Lead or Principal Investigators. We also had a good dose of publications in reputable, high-impact Journals from the staff of our hospital and I think it's something

commendable. The Department of Internal Medicine research group led by **Dr. Dike Ojji** deserves special mention and commendation! UATH is an examination center for the foreign trained doctors MDCN examinations. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the West African College of Surgeons have approved our Hospital as examination center because of the facilities available and conducive environment. In my view, these are our modest achievements in the past four years. **Crew:** Every worthwhile venture faces challenges. What were the challenges faced and how were you able to surmount them? **CMD:** You are very right. There were challenges. Inadequate funding was the major one, especially for building infrastructures and getting equipment. Personnel issue was



The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele

the total number of personnel in almost all the departments and poor attitude to work by some staff did not help matters!

On how we surmounted the issue of funding, we were fortunate that our employers, the Federal Government of Nigeria increased the budget to the health sector and by extension to the health institutions the past two years.

We also enjoyed enormous goodwill from individuals and NGOs, by virtue of the fact that we were the first Teaching Hospital in Nigeria to manage COVID-19 patients. There were many organizations that supported us but one organization that stands out for mention here (and even in heaven) is Mainstream Energy Solution and **Mainstream Foundation**. They provided most of the equipment and tools for the management of Covid-19 patients, furnished the first floor of the Trauma Centre, provided a 365-KVA generator, donated one utility vehicle and offered palliatives both in cash and in kind to our front-line workers. It was a Gold Medal performance!

Crew: Can we then say Covid-19 is a blessing to UATH?

CMD: Covid-19 has both sides of the coin with respect to UATH, so we will not say it was 100% a blessing. For instance, some of our frontline health care workers got infected with a disease with high mortality rate at the initial stage was very scary. But I will say: 'the hand of God'

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and some other factors worked together to ensure that we did not lose any of our staff to Covid-19.

Crew: Your 4 years as CMD, of what benefit has it been particularly to staff welfare.

CMD: Providing the enabling environment to render services improves staff morale. Training of staff which we have undertaken within the confines of available funds is also a form of welfare!

But when people talk of staff welfare, it's not just enabling environment and human capital development but must include 'stomach infrastructure' (permit me to use a popular politician's phrase).

For the past 4 years, promotions have been regular and promotion arrears paid promptly. There was a particular year that those promoted even got the promotion arrears before getting their promotion letters (laughter)! We have consistently, at the end of every year recognized and appreciated persons that have distinguished themselves in the various departments to the extent that we have notice boards in strategic places displaying the names and

photographs of the awardees.

We have purchased two vehicles that staff can use for social events or family functions. We have also encouraged the formation of groups, associations, or cooperatives that help at times of need. We have constructed car parks strictly for staff on call or shift duties so that they can park their cars away from the agony of sun and rain and for security men to keep watch on the vehicles. In my view these were some of the little things we did, as part of staff welfare.

Crew: For the past 4 years we've noticed peaceful industrial harmony in UATH (except for nationwide strikes) what is the magic?

CMD: Industrial peace is key in every organization to achieve institutional goals. We've been lucky that we have had harmony between groups, unions and professionals in our facility. Engagement, equity and transparency were some of the tools used. We tried to engage different groups at regular intervals, especially when we plan to change policies. You know people like recognition and therefore we can say: "gentlemen, next year, this is what we intend to do, any objection, any modification?" They feel good, are supportive, and take ownership!

The other thing was to preach the message of 'we need one another' at every forum and that "nobody can do it alone". God has given us various skills and if we put them together, definitely

At this juncture, it is nice to appreciate the Union leaders that we have the past four (4) years. I think they have been very mature and very patient and these have contributed to the development of the hospital.

Crew: As a Teaching Hospital, we know that accreditation and re-accreditation are very necessary. How much have you done in this regard?

CMD: We have up to 15 Departments in our hospital now that have either full or partial accreditation in which case young doctors who come for residency program don't need to go anywhere, they can start and finish here and become specialists. We have about two or three with partial accreditations, and our target is to ensure that in another two years or so, they will have full accreditation. What is delaying our request for their accreditation is infrastructure. For instance Mental Health should get accreditation when we complete and move into Mental Health Block, which by all definitions can be called an edifice. That of the School of Post Basic Intensive Care Nursing, we have gone beyond accreditation. What we are asking for now is to be given the mandate to admit more students (from 50 to 100)

The Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Prof. Abdulrasheed Na'allah, has confirmed that the BSc. Nursing program at the University of Abuja will start in

the next academic session. It will go a long way in terms of human capital development, not only for FCT but for the whole country. We know how critical nursing have become especially in these days and age of pandemic; if you don't train yours locally, nobody will come from abroad to assist you in time of the pandemic. I also have information that the Board of Management of UATH under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sam-Sam Jaja, is also planning to have another Post Basic School in Peri-operative Nursing before the Board tenure ends.

Crew: Sir, what are your plans for your second tenure? Are your vision and mission going to change from what you had in your first missionary journey?

CMD: I can confirm to you that the focus will not change. If anything we shall consolidate and also open new vistas. Some specialist areas that we do not have shall be addressed especially in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department. Also Cardio-thoracic Surgery unit shall be established! A Kidney Transplant Unit is already on course courtesy of the VC Uniabuja, Prof. Abdulrasheed Na'allah.

We intend to have a befitting, new Hospital gate and complete perimeter fencing. Again that has been captured in the 2022 budget. The developmental train shall also reach the Dietetics Department, Public Relations Department, Library and the Directorate of Administration before the end

“But I will say: 'the hand of God' and some other factors worked together to ensure that we did not lose any of our staff to Covid-19.”

Crew: Looking at the developmental projects and expansion going on in the hospital, how are you dealing with the issue of manpower?

CMD: The issue of manpower is a topical one. As we expand, we need more hands, so we recognize it as a challenge. Unfortunately for us, the processes for recruiting staff have become very cumbersome but we are not going to be discouraged. We shall continue to put pressure at the various agencies of government for clearances and waivers so that we have personnel that will man the various new units.

Crew: What message do you have for the hospital community in terms of your expectation?

CMD: I urge all staff to continue with the commitment to duty; to be patient with the system because some things cannot happen immediately. I also call on the staff to continue to build harmony between all the professions within the hospital because together we can achieve more. Thank you very much!

UATH TOP MANAGEMENT MEETS WITH CONSULTANTS

During the routine annual meeting of the Management with the Consultants held on the 22nd June 2021, the CMD, Professor B. A. Ekele made a presentation titled: **"The Journey so Far"** where major achievements during his first tenure and the Management's plan for the second tenure were explicitly highlighted.

He said when he assumed office in 2007 he was first confronted with the issue of outsourced staff not receiving their monthly salaries regularly but it was resolved immediately with the assistance of the Director of Finance and Finance. He also said the hospital was able to acquire the **Right of Occupancy** certificate of the Hospital land which to prevent

encroachment. Management initiated the **"Moving train model"** where departments take turns for the renovation of infrastructures and purchase of equipment in the face of limited funds. Prof. Ekele said before his assumption into office, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital was ranked amongst the top 3 federal tertiary health

institution with unhealthy inter-professional rivalry but with regular engagements with different professionals, UATH is now very peaceful in this regard. Other achievements mentioned by the CMD include: building and commissioning of the new Accident and Emergency, reinforcement and roofing of the hospital walkway, steady increase in capital budgetary allocation, Paediatrics Oncology Ward (courtesy of Abuja Metropolitan Lions Club), Research Molecular Laboratory, acquisition of second and third floors of the Trauma Centre. The feat of separating cojoint twins, and the success recorded in the

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treatment of Covid -19 patients are part of the modest achievements. The Chief Medical Director ended his presentation with the Management's plan for the

second tenure as follows:

- Maintenance and consolidation of the infrastructures on ground
- Employing more personnel to work in the expanded areas.
- Support for Dental Surgery and Laboratory Science departments.
- To start Post Basic School in Peri-operative Nursing
- Building of resident doctors/ intern's quarters
- Befitting entrance and gate for the hospital with perimeter fencing.



The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele, at the Meeting with Body of Consultants.

BOARD CHAIRMAN, HONORED WITH AN AWARD

The representatives of the Northern Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) on Thursday 26th August, 2021, bestowed an Award of Honor to the Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, as JAKADAN Za'man Lafiya Nigeria (Ambassador of Peace). According to Team Lead, Barrister AbdulMalik, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja was unanimously approved for this Award in appreciation of his immense contributions towards nation building, a vanguard to youth emancipation, and his philanthropic attributes which

was traced to his home town, and also a bridge across our fault lines for national unity and consensus.

The brief ceremony which took place in the Hospital's Board Room was witnessed by the Chief Medical Director Prof. B. A. Ekele, Director of Administration Mrs K. M. Adebajo and some Board members.

Responding to the gesture, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, first on behalf of the Board thanked the Council for the Award and admonished them to ensure there is peace in the Country through effective

collaboration with all youth across the geopolitical reforms.

The Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele thanked the Council for the Award bestowed on the Board Chairman. He further remarked that Dr. Sam Sam Jaja is a recipient of many Awards of both national and international standings. He commended them for the due diligent in identifying with his laudable activities, especially in the leadership positions.

He prayed God to continue to guide them with wisdom so that the challenges the Country is experiencing now will be overcome. He said a peaceful society paves way for the progress and development of the nation.

Finally, Prof. Ekele wished the Council God's bountiful blessings and safe journey back to their various destinations.



The Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, receiving the award from the representative of Northern Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN).

BOARD COMMISSIONS NEW PROJECTS



Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja and Professor S. Avidime at the commissioning of the Research Molecular Laboratory.

The Chairman, Board of Management, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja in company of other members of the Board commissioned the **Research Molecular Laboratory**, the **Ophthalmology Wing of Trauma Center** and **Intern Quarters** during the Board meeting held on 29th June, 2021. Dr. Jaja, while commissioning the Research Molecular Laboratory said having listened to professionals in the field of medicine on the need for research in the teaching hospital, "to God be the glory for given the Management of the hospital the required wisdom in the management of resource to see

that the project is executed satisfactorily". He stated that other Managements would have diverted the fund for personal use since the money was approved for the building of COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory which is already in existence in the hospital. The Board Chairman commended the effort of the Top Management of the hospital under the able leadership of Prof. B.A. Ekele.

Dr. Jaja appealed to the Staff of the Ophthalmology Department to maintain both the equipment and the environment while commissioning the Ophthalmology Wing. The

Chairman also gave an express approval that the first office on the wing should be given to the Department in order to accommodate other services. The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele while making his introductory remarks said the Federal Government approved grant for all teaching hospitals for the building of Molecular Laboratory but because UATH already had one, Management applied to the Minister to give approval for the fund to be utilized to build a **Research Molecular Laboratory**. The Honorable Minister of Health gave approval knowing the importance of research in a University Teaching Hospital.

AGBARI ELITE ASSOCIATION PAID COURTESY CALL TO UATH

On 9th July, 2021, Agbari Elite Association, that comprises the indigenous people of all the six Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory were on a courtesy visit to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital during which they had audience with the Management of the hospital.

The Chairman of the

Association, Mr. Jibril Musa, said since the inception of the hospital, the indigenous Association have not come to create relationship with the Management to see that the indigenous people of FCT are represented in the hospital work force. He stated that FCT indigenes are not adequately represented in the Hospital and pleaded for partnership with

UATH to see that the indigenous people are considered during recruitment exercise. Musa disclosed that their Association has many programs which cannot be executed without the assistance of institutions like UATH adding that as indigenes, they benefit more from the services of the hospital and that

they will continue to support the institution.

The Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo who represented the Chief Medical Director thanked the Association for the laudable initiative to partner with our facility. She affirmed that UATH have a very good relationship with

the indigenes of Federal Capital Territory as our host community. Mrs. Adebajo said Federal Character Commission policy is strictly adhered to in our facility for position which is by promotion. She mentioned that the FCT indigenes are represented in all the Departments of the hospital.

The DA also made the clarification that Management positions like the Chief Medical Director and Director of Administration are duly advertised for the general public to apply and the most qualified candidate normally emerge through rigorous interview.

FRSC GWAGWALADA COMMAND URGES UATH STAFF TO GET GENUINE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Unit Commander, Gwagwalada Area Command, Federal Road Safety Corp (RRSC), Mr. Abiodun Olasupo Esurouso said that the command had observed that many Gwagwalada residents parade fake driver's license. He urged all UATH staff to get genuine driver's license adding that it will only take two weeks from the date of application for it to be ready and promised to give urgent attention to any staff of UATH that apply for the license.

Mr. Olasupo made this call during the courtesy visit to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on 27th July 2021. He

appreciated the Chief Medical Director and his team for the warm reception and stated that since his posting to Gwagwalada Command, he had made several efforts to visit UATH but to no avail because of his tight schedule. He advised our staff be civil with Road Safety Officers even when accosted on the highway for routine checks. He promised to talk to his men to always give consideration to health professionals on emergency duty or call.

The Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele said the visit was a welcome development because the job of the road safety officer and the health

worker complement each other. Prof. Ekele affirmed that the challenges posed by the road safety officers on the highway was such that even those on emergency duties are delayed for one reason or another. The CMD promised to pass down the issue of possession of fake driver's license to the entire staff.

The Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo called for collaboration between the two agencies by organizing workshops, sensitization programs and training for UATH staff on the use of road and how to relate with law enforcement agencies.



Gwagwalada Area Commander, FRSC, Mr. Abiodun Olasupo Esurouso (3rd from right sitting) and his team in a group photograph with UATH Management

UNIABUJA COUNCIL PROMISES TO SUPPORT UATH MANAGEMENT

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, University of Abuja, **Professor Ahmed Modibbo** had promised to support the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Management to carry out its mandate.

He made this declaration at the familiarization visit to the Hospital recently. Among the Pro-chancellor's team were the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah; the Deputy Vice Chancellors; Provost, College of Health Sciences and other Council members.

In his speech, he assured the Management of the hospital that the Governing Council of the University will do whatever it takes whether within the government approved financial resources or private resource to attract more resources to both the Teaching Hospital and University for the improvement

of the country's teaching, learning and health care services; more importantly to the community as they stir the affairs of the University.

Speaking further, the Pro-Chancellor stated that they have had the inaugural meeting of the 9th Council and thought it wise to visit the various units of the University to have first-hand information about situation and see things on ground before they begin to strategize, formulate policies with a view to moving the university system to a higher level.

Earlier, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele on behalf of the Management gave an overview of the activities of the Hospital. Overwhelmed with the visit, he noted that this is the biggest honour the Management had received in

recent time. He added "that both institutions are like Siamese twins; therefore, the pain of the University is the pain of the Teaching Hospital and the joy of the Teaching Hospital is the joy of the University".

In response, the team appreciated the hospital Management for partnering very closely with the University, adding that without the Teaching Hospital, there wouldn't have been College of Medicine. They commended the Chief Medical Director for his giant strides in moving the hospital forward; while encouraging him to keep it up for others to emulate.

In attendance to receive the visitors were members of the Hospital Management and staff which included: Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo, CMAC, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, Ag. Public Relation Officer, Mr. Ajeka Michael Atiga and others.



[L-R]: Pro Chancellor, Prof Ahmed Modibbo,; Prof. Bissallah Ahmed Ekele (CMD, UATH) and Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, (VC Uniabuja) during the Council Visit.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY DEPARTMENT

SENFORTHS DR. RICHARD OFFIONG

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G), celebrated Dr. Richard Offiong on his retirement having put in the statutory 35 years in service as a Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist.

Dr. Richard Offiong, described as a teacher, trainer and a gentleman was noted to have served humanity with character, commitment and dedication. The ceremony which took place on Monday 5th July 2021, had in attendance the Chief Medical Director Prof. B. A. Ekele, the Director of Administration Mrs. Adebajo K.M, HOD Obstetrics and Gynaecology Dr. Teddy Agida, other Heads of various Clinical Departments, and friends of the celebrant from both far and near.

The Director of Administration, Mrs. Adebajo K.M, joyously

appreciated Dr. Offiong for his passion towards humanity and his dedication to work all through the service years. She further thanked everyone for the moment and said Dr. Offiong has paid his dues as a role model and wished him the best in his future endeavor.

During the ceremony, Dr. Richard received several accolades considering the level of impact on everyone with the record of having trained 4 generations of Obstetricians that are in various stations nationally and internationally.

In addition to all accolades, his beloved wife, Dr. Mrs. Uduak Offiong gave a memorable remark on her husband whom she has known to be quiet, harmless, caring and a lovely husband and many more attributes she chose to preserve for another day. In this regards, she solemnly appreciated all that

was said about him and consequently assured the Department that her husband's foot print will hopefully stand the test of time.

The Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele visibly overwhelmed with joy over the testimonies on his retiring staff, thrilled the audience when he described the celebrant as an institution who is cool, calm and collected. He gave an over view of several areas where he met with Dr. Richard Offiong before meeting him finally at UATH and his level of commitments to service. He thanked him for the impact he left behind in both the Department and the Hospital and appreciated him for the knowledge, skills and the character he has given to his students.

At the end, the celebrant in his response ascribed all glory to God Almighty for the privilege to serve patients that were at the department to access healthcare services. Moreover, he appreciated the CMD Prof. B.A. Ekele for working assiduously to see that the Hospital attains a greater height, buttressing that it was an enjoyable experience while recognizing that service is key to leadership.

He also expressed gratitude to his colleagues for the heartwarming comments and then advised them to be more focus with all that the Hospital provides. Finally he extended gratitude to Management and Staff of UATH for the cooperation and opportunity to serve. He offered to be still part of the training of residents.

Dr. Richard Offiong (Middle) and his wife (seated 2nd L) with the CMD, Prof. Ekele and other Consultants at the send forth ceremony.

BOARD APPROVES PROMOTION OF 261 SENIOR STAFF

The Board has approved the promotion of two hundred and sixty one (261) senior staff to their next higher ranks. This followed their successful performance in the 2021 promotion examination held in May.

In separate letters conveying the promotion to the affected staff, the Director of Administration and

Secretary to the Board, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo, congratulated the staff on behalf of the Board of Management and enjoined them to maintain high standard of efficiency and integrity. Below is the list of the promoted staff and their new ranks:

S/NO	NAME	PROMOTED RANK
1	Adi Rahila Y.	Deputy Director
2	Bala Marka B.	Deputy Director
3	Chizobam Ngozi R.	Deputy Director
4	Okpe Florence A.	Deputy Director
5	Okonkwo Maureen C.	Deputy Director
6	Chijioke N. Dorothy	Assistant Director
7	Umar Khadijat	Assistant Director
8	Daniel Gabriel	Assistant Director
9	Musa Sulai	Assistant Director
10	Anusiem Juliet A.	Assistant Director
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22	Obiagbo Lilian Obiageli	Assistant Director
23	Salami S. Adeola	Assistant Director
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25	Oluwasegun James	Chief Nursing Officer
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27	Ashilolo Felicia S.	Chief Nursing Officer
28	Sadiq Bilikisu	Chief Nursing Officer
29	Sokwo Diana	Chief Nursing Officer
30	Okwesilieze Azuka O.	Chief Nursing Officer
31	Haruna P. Amina	Chief Nursing Officer
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33	Abdullahi Aminat	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
34	Dandam Gloria	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
35	Isinenwi Esther	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
36	Umar Hafsat	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
37	Haladu Halima	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
38	Azogu Chioma	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
39	Uzoije Beauty C.	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
40	Stephen Evelyn Kumode	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
41	Nwaiwu Confidence I.	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer
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43	Joseph S. Esther	Principal Nursing Officer

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49	Uzoama Patricia N.	Principal Nursing Officer
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55	Arumona Patricia	Principal Nursing Officer
56	Ateniola Joyce O.	Principal Nursing Officer
57	Adaji Helen E.	Principal Nursing Officer
58	Oso Oluwakemi O.	Principal Nursing Officer
59	Ailunia Eunice E.	Principal Nursing Officer
60	Edeyi Ngozi E.	Principal Nursing Officer
61	Phibi Amos	Principal Nursing Officer
62	Akowe Paulina O.	Principal Nursing Officer
63	Uwechue C. Onyenorkachimkem	Principal Nursing Officer
64	Asorose Mary	Principal Nursing Officer
65	Tsavtim Ter	Principal Nursing Officer
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67	Ibrahim Suleiman	Senior Nursing Officer
68	Edibo James A.	Senior Nursing Officer
69	Yakubu Adama	Senior Nursing Officer
70	Ogbureke Ngozi	Senior Nursing Officer
71	Aniekezie Uchechukwu G.	Senior Nursing Officer
72	Tali Mercy T.	Senior Nursing Officer
73	Adamu Halima A.	Senior Nursing Officer
74	Lare-Jemmy Omowumi E.	Senior Nursing Officer
75	Oyedirán Victoria M.	Senior Nursing Officer
76	Obioha Anthonia N.	Senior Nursing Officer
77	Oba Joy	Senior Nursing Officer
78	Dimlong Nenpan N.	Senior Nursing Officer
79	Omattah Magdalene	Senior Nursing Officer
80	Auta Abimiku Dauda	Senior Nursing Officer
81	Salihu F. Mathew	Senior Nursing Officer
82	Ekwe C. Janet	Senior Nursing Officer
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84	Gata S. Dorothy	Nursing Officer I
85	Abu Auta John	Nursing Officer I
86	Gwomzi P. Clementina	Nursing Officer I
87	Godwin Comfort E.A	Nursing Officer I

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11	Attah Hannah M.	Senior Administrative Officer
12	Adeyemi O. Emmanuel	Senior Administrative Officer
13	Monday Tijani A.	Senior Administrative Officer
14	Raymond Felicia U.	Senior Administrative Officer
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16	Tokula Reuben M.	Administrative Officer I
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20	Yussuf Rahmatu M.	Senior programme Analyst
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25	Aliyu Halima	Principal Executive Officer II
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31	Goro Hannatu A.	Prin. Confidential Secretary II
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2	Yunusa Dauda	Senior Social Welfare Officer
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5	Muhammad Alhassan	Principal Tech. Officer I(Q/S)
6	Inuwa Adamu	Higher Technical Officer (Arch)
7	Uduakobong J. Okon	Senior Elect. Engineer (Biomedical)
8	Akinwale I. Sangodiji	Principal Tech. Officer I(Bio)
9	Christopher D. Peter	Principal Tech. Officer I(Bio)
10	Usman M. Abubakar	Chief Technical Officer (Mech)
11	Samanja Josiah	Higher Technical Officer (Mech.)
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13	Onoja A. Daniel	Senior Health Technician
14	Olusegun M. Christiana	Prin. Scientific Officer (Water)
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7	Nwandu Nancy	Chief Executive Officer (Accounts)
8	Iliya Doris	Chief Executive Officer (Accounts)
9	Alamai Umar	Chief Executive Officer (Accounts)
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11	Bamayi Sokwo	Prin. Executive Officer I
12	Ejetekwulu O. Lucy	Prin. Executive Officer II
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1	Dr. Achonwa Chidozie Jude	Consultant SG I (Paed.)
2	Dr. Lohkur Langnap	Consultant SG II(Ophthalmology)
3	Dr. Nyamzi Moses	Consultant SG II(O&G)
4	Dr. Ogbadu O. Adamu	Consultant II (O&G)
5	Dr. Yaro Ibrahim Adamu	Consultant SG II (Radiology)
6	Dr. Dawang D. Yusuf	ConsultantSG II (Neurosurgeon)
7	Dr. Oguche O. Emmanuel	Consultant SG II(Orth.Surgeon)
8	Dr. David Folorunso F.	Consultant SG II(ENT)
9	Dr. Osodin E. Timothy	Consultant SG II (Oral & Max Surgeon)
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11	Dr. Atodo A. Sunday	Senior Medical Officer I
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2	Mohammed Medinat	Asst. Chief Tech. (Dental Surg)
3	Yem Maureen	Asst. Chief Tech. (Dental Surg)
4	Olaniyi B.Yemisi	Prin. Helath Tech. (Dental Surg.)
5	Abdulsalami Funso Grace Dam	Senior Dental Surgery Tech.
6	Abdullahi M.Khadijat	Higher Technician (Dental Surgery)

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4	Akor Emmanuel	Asst. Chief Environment
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2	Stephen Kura	Senior Orthopaedic Cast Tech.
3	John S. Egene	Senior Orthopaedic Cast Tech.
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4	Dangana Usman	Chief Health Information Tech.
5	Rabiah M. Ma'aji	Chief Health Information Tech.
6	Sunday Joseph	Prin. Health Information Tech.
7	Mary Ishaku	Prin. Health Information Tech.
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9	Kabir M. Isah	Senior Tech. Information Tech.
10	Elizabeth James	Senior Tech. Information Tech.
11	Edeh Ojonoka Rose	Senior Tech. Information Tech.
12	Thomas N. Christiana	Senior Tech. Information Tech.
13	Zibai T. Sunday	Higher Health Info. Technician
14	Atabo Chris	Higher Health Info. Technician
15	Adenuga Agatha	Higher Health Info. Technician
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7	Justina U. Ikezue	Chief Medical Lab. Scientist
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10	MarySusan E. Ameh	Chief . Med. Lab. Scientist (Path)
11	Philomina M. Omoike	Chief . Med. Lab. Scientist (Path)
12	Babandina Muhammed Musa	Prin. Med. Lab. Scientist
13	Izevbehai Elizabeth	Prin. Scientific Officer

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6	Bala K. Samari	Prin. Med. Laboratory Technician
7	Gyang Margaret	Prin. Med. Laboratory Technician
8	Maliki Captain John	Prin. Med. Laboratory Technician
9	Esther Daniel	Prin. Med. Laboratory Technician
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11	Vennap Yakat Jennifer	Senior Med. Laboratory Technician
12	Peace N. Okoro	Senior Med. Laboratory Technician
13	Haruna Caroline	Senior Med. Laboratory Technician
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2	Ifeanyi Akuchie	Chief Dispensing Optician
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10	Justina Jegede	Chief Pharmacist
11	Oluwatoyin Fakeyede	Chief Pharmacist
12	Williams Ishaya	Chief Pharmacist
13	Patrick P. Ali	Chief Pharmacist
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16	Igbapike Daukoru	Principal Pharmacist
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3	Glory O. Akoji	Principal Physiotherapist
4	Eneh C. Batholomew	Principal Physiotherapist
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2	Aniebietabasi A. Ettang	Senior Scientific Officer
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1	Obochi U. Damian	Assistant Director
2	Madu Ebo Ekele	Chief Radiographer
3	Samuel M. GaitabbU	Principal Radiographer
4	Ogunyemi Bosede	Chief Health Tech. X-ray

UATH HOSTS MDCN ACCREDITATION TEAM



MDCN Accreditation Team with Management of UATH

Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), saddled with the responsibility of registering house officers after the mandatory one year training post-graduation was on accreditation visit to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on 23rd August, 2021. The deputy registrar of the Council **Dr. N. U. Nwakanma** conveyed the felicitation of the Council to UATH and said the Council was favorably disposed to creating space to accommodate more house officers. He added that the team had come basically to partner with UATH not in a judgmental fashion but in a manner to see how much space can be created for young doctor for their compulsory one-year training.

The Deputy CMAC (Training and Research), Dr. Kudirat Olateju who represented the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. B. A. Ekele appreciated the team for their effort to visit UATH to assess the hospital's capability to actually train more young doctors. She said Management considers the accreditation exercise very important because of the way the hospital has expanded both in size and personnel.

Dr. Olateju gave a brief history of how UATH had undergone transformation from general to a Specialist hospital before it was upgraded to its present status as a Teaching Hospital in 2006. She said despite the series of transformations and expansions

in the area of personnel, modern day facilities and even change of status, the house officer's quota of thirty-two (32) for medical and twelve (12) for dental remain the same over the past twenty years. She added that the hospital is endowed with over 100 consultants across all specialties, over 200 junior and senior registrars and nurses which constituted the largest work force of over 400 personnel.

The Deputy CMAC appealed to the Council to triple the UATH house officers' quota because the hospital has the capacity to train over 100 house officers conveniently considering the personnel and facilities on ground.

PHOTO GALLERY



Commissioning of Ophthalmology Wing by the Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja



Commissioning of Intern Quarters by the Chairman of Board, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja



Participants at the Maiden Edition of Basic Surgical Skills Training Course



CMD, Prof. Ekele (Seated 4th from RT) with the Basic Surgical Skills Accreditation Team



CMD, Prof. Ekele handing over construction site of the Call Duty Block to the contractor, Wills 2 Good Services.



NMA FCT Executives with the CMD, Prof. Ekele During a Courtesy Visit



The CMD, Prof. Ekele (Middle) and some staff of Surgery Department with W.A.C.S accreditation team during their visit to the Department



The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele with the VC of Uniabuja, Prof. A. Na'Allah during the courtesy visit.

PHOTO GALLERY



UATH Nurses during their sensitization outreach on World Breastfeeding Day.



The CMD, Prof. Ekele (sitting 3rd RT) with West African College of Physicians' accreditation team during their visit to Community Medicine Department



CMD, Prof. Ekele with NPMC Accreditation Team Visit to Community Medicine Department



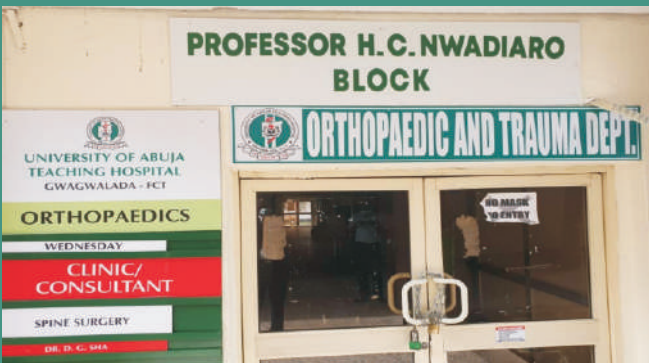
Group Photography with WACP Accreditation Team Visit to Family Medicine Department



O & G Department Felicitates with Prof B. A. Ekele on his Reappointment as CMD.



Dr. Sam Sam Jaja (Middle), CMD- Prof. B. A. Ekele (3rd From RT), DA- Mrs. K.M. Adebajo (3rd from LT) with other Top Managements and representatives of the Northern Youth Council.



Orthopedic and Trauma Block named after Prof. Nwadiaro



Dr. Richard Offiong and Dr. Mrs. Uduak Offiong at the Send-forth Ceremony organised by Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department

APPOINTMENTS



Head of Pharmacy:
Pharm. Mohammed Garba



Head of Radiology Department:
Dr. Hadijat Kolade-Yunusa



Coordinator, Accident and
Emergency Unit:
Dr. Monday Yilkudi

SOCIAL DIARY



Mr. Henry Idakwo of the Admin Dept and family during their child naming



Mr. Williams R. Adejumo of Admin Dept and wife during their child's naming ceremony



Mr. Fagbemi Oluwaseun of Admin Dept. and wife during their child's naming ceremony

OBITUARY

With total submission to the will of Almighty God, the management and Staff announce the call to glory of the following staff:



Ishaku Haruna
Department of Histopathology
Died: 3rd September, 2021



Suleiman Ibrahim
Department of Nursing
Died: 25th August, 2021
Age: 35 Years

May their souls rest in peace, Amen.

QUOTE:

We are here to add
what we can to life,
not to get what we
can from life.

- William Osler