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FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

The Editorial Board welcomes you all to the last edition of our UATH Bulletin for the year, 2021. In this last quarter edition, we have a long list of superlative packages and exceptional events that have combined together to bring the Hospital in front of the cameras of distinguished media houses! First was the historic visit of **Dr. (Mrs) Zainab Abubakar Bagudu**, wife of the Kebbi State Governor, who is also the Chairperson, MEDICAID Cancer Foundation, to the hospital on the 15th of October, 2021. The visit was for her to fraternize with Cancer patients who benefitted from her benevolence.

Within the period under review, the Board under the able Chairmanship of Dr. Sam Sam Jaja approved the appointment of **Dr. Bob Ukonu** as the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, following the expiration of tenure of the immediate past CMAC, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong. Until his appointment, Dr. Bob Ukonu, a Consultant Dermatologist, was the Hospital's SERVICOM Nodal Officer.

Other appointments include: **Dr. Godwin Akaba**, a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

who was appointed to replace Dr. Bob Ukonu as SERVICOM Nodal Officer while **Professor Aliyu Yabagi Isah** was appointed Chairman, UATH Health Research and Ethics Committee to replace Professor Mustapha Abubakar Jamda, who had also completed his tenure.

The period also witnessed the MDCAN's Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting; the World Mental Health Day and 2021 World Prematurity Day Celebrations; the inauguration of Link Persons for the Infection Prevention and Control Committee; orientation of the new set of Critical Care Nursing students and other events that were captured by the lens of our ace photographer.

Of special note were the three indigent patients that benefited from the milk of kindness from two organizations and one of our own staff that supported the patients with various sums of money.

We have also introduced "**Know your Public Service Rules, Work Ethics and Values**" a special contribution from the Admin Directorate. This is intended to help staff know the rules guiding their conducts, duties and responsibilities.

On a sad note, the hospital lost



Dr. Umar Abubakar,
Chair Editorial Board

two committed staff viz: **Mr. Timothy Manzwet**, Assistant Director, MLS and **Mr. Sunday Ali Yohana**, a mortuary attendant. May their gentle souls rest in peace. Amin!

Again, the general public is advised against transacting any business with fraudsters disguising as the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital through a scammed Facebook account. The CMD Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele, has no Facebook account! Finally, it is becoming clear that immunization against COVID-19 is a medical necessity. New variants have emerged as Omicron is around the corner. Get vaccinated. Wear face mask; maintain social distance; ensure good personal hygiene and eat well to stay safe!

We wish you a Happy Christmas in advance and the best of the year 2022.

Happy Reading!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: WHO IS OUR PROBLEM IN NIGERIA?



1. The trader who removes 2 bowls of rice from the bag, repackages, and sells as a 'full' bag is complaining about the wickedness in Nigeria.

2. The lecturer who insists on sex for a young girl to pass is complaining about the rot in Nigeria.

3. The Pastor who pays his driver 15K in Lagos or Abuja while his son schools in the USA is complaining about the hopelessness in Nigeria.

4. The Mallam (Local Islamic school teachers) who send other people's children to go and beg in the name of Almajiri and bring the money to him on oath so that he will take care of his family while the Almajiri's are looking like slaves is complaining that Nigerian leaders don't know God.

5. The civil servant who comes to work once a week and shows up at the end of the month to receive full salary

and kickbacks is complaining about politicians who do nothing.

6. The student who spends the whole weekend at the party after party only to start posting Instagram pictures on Monday is complaining that Nigeria is stealing his/her dreams.

7. The "VIP driver" who can't join a simple queue but keeps overlapping in and out of traffic to shunt is complaining about disorderliness in Nigeria.

8. Doctors in public and teaching hospitals on the government payroll who abandon patients but are thriving in their private hospitals are complaining that Nigeria is hopeless.

9. The officer who sees 'roger' as his/her birthright and keeps on complaining that our leaders are evil and therefore Nigeria is doomed.

10. Until we realize that the value of Nigeria today is the average of our values, we will keep fooling ourselves.

We are all architects of our economic development woes.

Stop the blame game. CHANGE begins with YOU.

Politicians sing the songs of the people yet they have no intentions to right the wrongs in the community affecting the people.

You and I are the problems and solutions to our challenges, let's have PERSONAL DIALOGUE with ourselves and CHANGE our ATTITUDE towards NIGERIA.

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WORK ETHICS AND VALUES FOR THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE

The Federal Civil Service is the bridge between the Government and the people. The principle upon which this relationship is based has not changed through the years. However, to ensure delivery of government programs in the light of current efforts to enable the country to achieve its vision; macro and socio economic and developmental objectives, it is important that the Civil Service calls for a fundamental change of attitude, behavior, processes and procedures as well as new management orientation that emphasizes professionalism, transparency, accountability, trust, competence, integrity, efficiency and citizen-focus. The work ethics and values represent part of the requirements designed to regulate the Service.

This edition marks the first in the series of discourse on ethics and other public service matters.

Guiding Principles of Work Ethics and Values:

The guiding principles of this



Mrs. K. M. Adebajo
Director of Administration

“work ethics and values” for Civil Servants are such values as Stewardship, Trust, Engagement, Professionalism, amongst others for which the Nigerian culture is very well known. Imbibing these values is critical in ensuring that Civil Servants render high quality service to Nigerians and in this respect, the notion of customer satisfaction becomes fundamental to the attainment of the goals of governance.

I. Stewardship: Civil servants are accountable to Nigerians, the law and the Government of the day. Accordingly, Civil Servants will fulfill their stewardship roles in the judicious use of their time and in the efficient management of the human, financial and material resources entrusted to them by the nation for the promotion of the common good. Civil Servants are expected to provide timely,

cost –effective, quality service to the people particularly patients in the hospital, and implement Government’s policies and programs with diligence and total commitment.

2. Trust: Civil Servants shall be guided by the following considerations in discharging their duties: sincerity of purpose, respect for Nigeria’s diversity and the dignity of all persons, sensitivity to the needs of the people particularly patients in the hospital, equity, social justice and fairness, observance of the rule of law/due process and recognition of the right of the people to access information without infringing on the law.

3. Engagement: The Civil Service is the engine room for governance. Other non-state actors, particularly the private sector, the civil society, the media, labour, faith-based organizations etc., are co-partners in the development process. The Civil Servants shall collaborate and partner with these and other critical segment of the society towards addressing the challenges of national development. Therefore, engagement involves workers going the extra mile, and exerting discretionary effort over and above what is normally expected.

4. Professionalism: An attitude portraying commitment,

dedication and willingness to render quality service for the benefit of the client. This should be the ultimate desire of Civil Servants and shall be inculcated and demonstrated at all times. Civil Servants must be committed to excellence and display the highest level of professional standards in undertaking their tasks.

5. Leadership: As leadership is about organizing a group of people to achieve a common goal, civil servants should endeavor to excel in all assignments and be role models.

6. Integrity: Civil Servants shall ensure that public interest is the overriding consideration in all decision making and actions. Such decision will not be influenced by any desire to gain financial or other material benefit for themselves, their family or their friends.

7. Transparency: Shall mean openness to the public gaze and existence of clear, accurate, formal, easily discernible and widely accepted practices. You have to resolve quagmire of official secrets Act and the National Security Agencies Act. Civil Servants are to dexterously and accurately draw the line between official information and passing useful information.

8. Honesty: Every Civil Servant should be upright in carrying out his/her duties and in their

dealing with the public.

9. Courtesy: Every Civil Servant should be courteous at all times to the public as well as to subordinate and superior officers in their interaction.

10. Loyalty: Every Civil Servant should demonstrate loyalty to the Government in accordance to the law, first as the custodian of the collective will of the people and secondly as his/her employer, who deserves the most comprehensive and impartial advice in promoting the utmost good of the people.

11. Helpfulness: This is about rendering assistance to the public and colleagues without discrimination on grounds of ethnic origin, religion, sex status, political or other opinions. Helpfulness can also be achieved by encouraging and supporting subordinate officers on how to improve their career opportunities. It equally entails redirecting document that came to persons in error to the appropriate place, where it can be treated.

Culled from Work, Ethics and Values for Federal Civil Service Manual

PROFILE OF DR. BOB UKONU

CHAIRMAN, MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CMAC)

Dr. Bob Agwu Ukonu was born over five decades ago during the Nigerian/Biafra civil war. He hails from Asaga in Ohafia Local Government Area of Abia state. He started his Primary education in Aba and completed it at Asaga Ohafia all in Abia State. He proceeded to the Community Secondary School (formerly known as Coronata Secondary School) Asaga for his secondary education. He was among the pioneer students of the Abia University Medical School where he served as the Abia State University Medical Students' Association (ABSUMSA) president for four years and later graduated from the Medical school in 1996. He did his Housemanship and Youth Service in University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (Formerly Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital). His outstanding performances as a Corps member, good inter personal relationship between his senior, junior colleagues and non-doctors, diligence in handling his clinical activities with respect to patient care earned him a permanent and pensionable appointment with the Hospital.

He further proceeded to the

University of Benin Teaching Hospital between 2003/2004 where he obtained his fellowship in Dermatology/ Venerology with the National Postgraduate Medical College in 2009. He has a Special bias for inflammatory skin disorder, skin cancer, Bullous skin disorders, and the use of photodynamics treatment in the management of skin diseases.

He joined the University of Abuja as a Lecturer I in 2013/2014 when there was a clarion call to salvage the university of Abuja medical school. He rose to the post of a Senior lecturer in 2016 and is currently being assessed as an Associate Professor of Medicine.

Dr Bob Agwu Ukonu has held various positions at different times from his primary education as a Head Boy. He was an assistant school prefect in the

secondary, medical student union president in the university, Chief Resident, Medical and Dental Consultant Chairman UATH, Deputy Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, SERVICOM Nodal Officer, and currently, the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee. He also served in various religious organizations. He is a National Director with the Full Gospel Business Fellowship International, the Chairman of the Marriage Counseling Committee and an ordained Evangelist with the church of God Mission Gwagwalada.

He is married to Dr Mrs Ifeanyichukwu Ojeka Ukonu and they are blessed with children. His hobbies are Politics, Sports, Building strong and healthy family relationships and reading.





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C E L E B R A T E S

2021 WORLD PREMATURITY DAY

A Chief Nursing Officer, Matron Victoria Adekunle, has called on expectant mothers to always go for regular check up to reduce prematurity. She gave the advice during a comprehensive talk with expectant mothers to commemorate 2021 world prematurity Day, held on November 17th 2021, at the Antenatal Clinic of the hospital. Nurse Victoria said prematurity is an abnormal birth that occurs before the 37th week of pregnancy which no woman would desire to have. According to her, the factors responsible for prematurity are poor nutrition, drugs, infections,

smoking, and natural factors like multiple births like twins, triplets among others

Other preventive measures she pointed out were for expectant mothers to eat good diet most especially fruits and vegetables, avoid un prescribed drugs, attend antenatal clinic regularly and avoid tight clothing as well as high heels during pregnancy.

Dr Onuh Nusa of Paediatrics Out-Patient Department also lectured the women on the signs of prematurity in babies which include low back ache, intermittent lower abdominal pains and high temperature. He said premature baby must be

kept under strict supervision in the hospital for sometimes and should be properly taken care of even after leaving the hospital to help prevent further complications.

To further demonstrate this care, Nurse Nwanua Esther illustrated to the mothers using the Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) approach where mothers tie such babies close to them for warmth.

Other highlights of the commemoration include sharing of diapers, taking of photographs and light refreshment.

UATH MANAGEMENT WELCOMES NEW POST BASIC NURSING STUDENTS

The School of Post Basic Critical Care Nursing, held its 2021/2022 orientation programme for the 25th set of students at the school premises on the 9th of November, 2021.

The School Co-ordinator, Deputy Director Nursing, Mrs. Joy Egbunu in her welcome speech warmly welcomed all the 30 students on board and stated that they were very fortunate to have been enrolled

into the school because many applied but only few were selected. She advised that any form of distraction should be laid aside during this one year period of study so as to achieve the best result. Other lecturers and staff in the school took turns in introducing themselves and also intimated the students on the rules and regulations of the school.

The Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee Dr. Bob.

Ukonu who represented the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele heartily welcomed them to the hospital and wished them the best in their one year training. He emphasized to them the need to perform exceptionally well just like their predecessors in the past four to six years who had 100% pass at the Council final exams thereby making the hospital proud.



Cross section of 25th Set of the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School, UATH at the orientation program.

NIGERIA SODIUM STUDY GROUP HOLD STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

The Management of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, has given its support towards the success of the ongoing research on sodium study.

The Chief Medical Director of the hospital, Prof. B. A. Ekele disclosed this during the stakeholders meeting

organized by Nigeria Sodium Study Group held on Thursday, 4th November, 2021 at the University of Abuja permanent site Gwagwalada. Represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC) and Consultant Dermatologist, Dr. Bob Ukonu, the CMD noted that the hospital is waiting anxiously to see the outcome of the research works that will help

in no small measure towards proffering medical solutions to patients with hypertensive ailment.

“For us in the Teaching Hospital we are delighted that one of our own is involved in the study bearing in mind that, if the study succeeds, we would definitely see a reflection on the health of Nigerians in the Teaching Hospital setting’.

“So we are anxiously waiting for the outcome of this study bearing in mind that one of the preventive strategies is reduced salt intake.

“We are eager because as soon as that happens in a way will reduce the pressure on our scientists. Clinicians in the hospital can devote their time for some other areas of research that would help to improve the health indices of our Nation,” he explained.

GOOD SAMARITANS DONATE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

Two groups and one individual who were driven by the passion to make a difference in the lives of the financially less privileged patients receiving care at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital made a total donation of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Naira (N190,000) to three patients.

Financial relief of Forty Thousand Naira (N40,000) came from Aisha Children Foundation Gwagwalada, Abuja to support the treatment of baby Lawal

admitted in the hospital Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU). Similarly, Untold Story Behind the Story Gwagwalada, Abuja donated the sum of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) to support the treatment of Hussaina Yunusa admitted in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Finally, Dr. Pius Idoko Ogolekwu, Department of Surgery, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital supported the treatment of Olalade Oluwaseum admitted in Paediatrics Medical Ward

(PMW) with the sum of Fifty Thousand Naira (N50,000).

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Prof. B. A. Ekele expressed deep appreciation of the hospital Management and staff to the groups and individual for their generosity and love for the poor and sick. He appealed to other well-meaning groups and individuals to come to the assistance of the poor through the Medical Social Welfare Department of the Hospital.

MEDICAID CANCER FOUNDATION DONATES TO CANCER PATIENTS

On 15th October 2021, the First lady of Kebbi state, Hajiya (Dr.) Zainab Bagudu and Chairperson, MEDICAID Cancer Foundation visited University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and donated the sum of 2 million naira to support the treatment of cancer patients in the facility. While presenting the cheque to the Chief Medical Director (CMD), Prof. B. A. Ekele, she explained that the donation was aimed at supporting people battling with cancer and to cushion the hardship occasioned by this disease. Dr. Bagudu, a medical doctor, called for the creation of strategic cancer intervention organization across board for improved awareness and to scale up cancer treatment and prevention in the country. She explained that her organization, the Kebbi State Government and other relevant stakeholders were vigorously engaged in the fight against cancer by not only providing awareness but interventions to ensure treatment of those suffering

the chronic disease. “We believe that early detection and early treatment saves lives because some people get diagnosed on time but lack

of funds hampers their survival chances.” “Painfully, the rising cost of cancer treatment and poverty has been a major

impediment for several cancer patients to afford cancer treatment in Nigeria.

She however called on relevant stakeholders from different organizations to

join hands with the traditional institutions in the fight against cancer in the country.

The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele thanked Dr. (Mrs) Zainab Bagudu for the donation and called on other well-meaning Nigerians to emulate the kind gesture. He described the donation as a stimulus to other organizations in the fight against the dreaded disease, said the support would go a long way to put smile on the faces of cancer patients.

He however noted that late presentation of most cancer cases in the hospital had remained a major challenge in the treatment and management of the disease in the country.

The funds shall be managed by the UATH Tumour Board that has Professor Terna Yawe as Convener and Dr. Dorothy Amaka Itanyi as Assistant Convener. They shall provide the guide and the template for disbursement!



4th from left, First Lady of Kebbi State, Her Excellency, Dr. (Mrs.) Zainab Bagudu presenting the cheque of 2 Million Naira to support of Cancer Patients. Professor Terna Yawe (Convener, Tumour Board); Dr. D. A. Itanyi (Assistant Convener) and other celebrities like LayCon were in the company of Her Excellency!

MDCAN HOLDS SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Cross-section of Consultants at the MDCAN AGM and Scientific Conference

The Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria (MDCAN) UATH chapter organized a scientific conference during her Annual General Meeting (AGM) that took place on 4th October, 2021 with the theme ‘Health challenges in the face of insecurity in Nigeria’: Rising beyond the tide.

The Chairman of MDCAN, UATH chapter, Dr. Samuel Ali Sani, thanked MDCAN for providing him the opportunity to serve. He said the hazard posed by insecurity in our country has affected the health care delivery in our society particularly the vulnerable communities adding that he is delighted to have personnel and professionals in various categories to deal with the topics of the conference which

has to do with the health challenges and insecurity in our country. The keynote speaker, Major General IBJ Okeke (rtd) did justice to the topic just as other presenters/speakers like Prof. Nuhu Dakum, Dr. Vivian Kwaghe, and Dr. Ogeoma.

Also speaking during the occasion, the Chairman, Nigeria Medical Association FCT chapter, Dr. Enema Job Amodu thanked the organizers of the event for inviting him and also for choosing this important theme at a time the country’s insecurity is on the rise. He said lots of things are happening in the medical profession today as a result of bad mentorship or leadership stressing that if nothing is done to salvage the situation from the top it will be difficult to hold the junior doctors accountable. While speaking on the ARD strike, Dr.

Enema said “in as much as we want things to get better, doctors should try and own up to the oath they took as the effects of a strike are far reaching”.

The Chief Host and the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. B. A. Ekele welcomed everyone to the occasion and said he has no reason to be absent from the occasion because MDCAN is his primary constituency and secondly the time which the event was scheduled was appropriate. The CMD stated that the modest achievements of Management since the past four years would not have been possible without the support of MDCAN; indeed, all the various professionals in the hospital have given this Management enormous support.

AMENITY CLINICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (ACSC) INAUGURATED

Arising from persistent demands from some category of patients and clients, management has inaugurated an Amenity Clinical Services Committee (ACSC) with the following Terms of Reference:

1. To start amenity clinical services that will attract extra charges
2. To activate Wing A of the New A & E Unit for that purpose
3. Any other related assignment that may be

given by Management.

Members of the Committee are:

- i) Dr. Bob Ukonu, CMAC - Chairman
- ii) Dr. Blessing Akor, Consultant, Family Medicine - Vice Chair & P.D.
- iii) Dr. Zainab Babba, Consultant, Emergency Medicine Unit
- iv) Mrs. Rachael Adebayo, AD Nursing
- v) Mrs. Veronica Umoh, Health Information

- vi) Management Department
Mr. Chris Rwang Pam, AD, Lab
- vii) Mr. Leo Ogbole, AD Finance and Accounts
- viii) Pharmacist Foluke Alimi, Pharmacy.

We expect other details of the activities of the Committee to be communicated to the Hospital Community in due cause!



Management in a group photograph with the Amenity Clinical Services Committee (ACSC). The Chairman, Dr Bob Ukonu is seated 4th while the Vice Chair, Dr. B. Akor is 5th from Left.

UATH HEALTH RESEARCH AND ETHICS COMMITTEE RECONSTITUTED



Prof. A. Y. Isah (R) taking over from Prof A. M. Jamda as Chairman, UATH HREC on 7th December 2021

Following the training conducted by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) and the subsequent renewal of institutional registration, the UATH HREC has been reconstituted as follows:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Prof. Aliyu Yabagi Isah | - Chairman | 8. Mr. A. D. Wokili | - Member |
| 2. Dr. M. H. Mamven | - Vice Chairman | 9. Pharm. Muhammad Garba | - Member |
| 3. Dr. T. M. Ojo | - Secretary | 10. Dr. Richard Onalo | - Member |
| 4. Mr. Hassan Ahmed | - Admin Secretary
(Technical) | 11. Barrister Olabiyi Sosanwo | - Member |
| 5. Ms. Mary Usman | - Assistant Admin
Secretary | 12. Dr. Maxwell Nwegbu | - Member |
| 6. Prof. A. M. Jamda | - Advisor I | 13. Dr. Theresa Otu | - Member |
| 7. Prof. A. A. Ayanniyi | - Advisor II | 14. Dr. Uduak Offiong | - Member |
| | | 15. Dr. L. G. Shedul | - Member |
| | | 16. Pharm Josephine Abiri | - Member |
| | | 17. Mr. Justus Onyia | - Member |
| | | 18. Mr. Shigaba Gabriel | - Member |
| | | 19. Mr. Justus Onyia | - Member |

The reconstituted Committee was inaugurated on 7th December 2021. Congratulations!

DR AKABA-

THE NEW SERVICOM NODAL OFFICER RESUMES

It is often said that “the reward for great work is more work. This saying played out recently in the elevation of the Nodal Officer of Servicom Dr. Bob Ukonu to the position of Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, who the CMD extolled his virtues at a ceremony organized to officially handover the mantle of leadership of Servicom Unit to the new Nodal Officer in the person of Dr. Godwin Akaba. Responding, Dr. Ukonu expressed delight and thanked the management for the opportunity given to him to serve in the capacity of Nodal Officer of Servicom which gave him a beautiful overview of what it means to relate with clinical and non-clinical service of the hospital. He recounted that there is a whole lot of hypocrisy in the system, and to solve these problem, you must come down to their level to enable you carry them along and do the right thing. He identified ways through which his team was able to solve some of these problems.

While handing over the mantle of leadership to the incoming Nodal Officer, he described him as competent, versatile and

knowledgeable to do even better than he has done. He concluded by thanking the management and his team for their support all through his tenure and pledged his assistance to move the hospital forward by ensuring effective and efficient service delivery to all.

In the same vein, the new Nodal Officer Dr. Akaba thanked the Chief Medical Director for the privilege to serve in such capacity and appreciated the former Nodal Officer and his team for their great achievements in improving service delivery. He solicited for

the same support if not more from the members of his team, adding that together they will achieve more.

He assured the management that his team will carry out the task with every commitment to put smiles on the faces of our patients and that of our service providers. With this, we will be able to achieve the goals and missions of the hospital which are: Service delivery, Research and Training.



Dr. Bob Ukonu CMAC (R), handing over to the new Nodal Officer SERVICOM, Dr. Godwin Akaba (L)

IPC LINK PERSONS INAUGURATED

In a bid for the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Committee to achieve her mandate of ensuring clean and healthy environment, IPC link persons were inaugurated on 2nd December 2021. The Committee also presented UATH IPC working manual to the Management of the hospital during the inauguration ceremony. The inaugurated link persons will serve as a link between their various units and Management

as representative of IPC Committee. The Committee members are: Franca Otijele, Josephine Ajayi, Kehinde Bawa, Margaret Otanwa, Mercy Okpara, Irene Akpam, Michael Okparu, Funke Babatunde, Paul Fiase, Kenny Osamo Vivian, Liman Suleiman, Abubakar Dafa, James Edibo, Biola Thomas, Grace Ani, Monica Agida, Esther Isinenwi, Hassan Salihu, Evelyn Kumode, Phibi Amos, Emmanuel Aliyu, Mohammed Sa'adu, Loveth Abalaka,

Sunday Medoh, Caroline Uchendu, Williams Ishaya, Ayomide Ogunsanya, Remi Njoku, Boniface Jikdang and Shanabo Abubakar.

The Chairman Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), Dr. Bob Ukonu who represented the Chief Medical Director during the inauguration ceremony said "the CMD who was away for another important assignment had asked me to represent him because of the importance he attached to the committee and



Mr. James Edibo, an IPC Link person presenting the IPC manual to the CMAC, Dr. Bob Ukonu at the inauguration of the IPC link persons.

also his desire to see that the hospital come in full force to make sure that our environment is disease free". Finally, he assured the committee that every support that was needed to see that they succeed in their assignment, shall be provided. The committee is saddled with the following responsibilities as its terms of reference: the link person shall be responsible to the Chairman IPC through any IPC team member to ensure compliance to all the standards outlined in the UATH IPC manual in the unit.

- Create awareness of the provision of IPC framework and make it known to stakeholders in your unit
- Ensure that the UATH IPC manual framework is

applied in your unit

- Assessment of IPC implementation through monitoring of IPC activities in your unit.
- Keep the unit personnel well informed of the IPC monitoring results periodically.
- Analyze past monitoring exercise reports and highlight areas of remediation.
- Submit a unit monthly and quarterly monitoring report to IPC Committee.
- Any other IPC assignment given to them by the IPC Committee Chairman.

Earlier, the Chairman of the IPC Committee, Dr. Jonah Peter said it was a very significant day in the history of the hospital because staff from different units had converged to bring about high quality

health care delivery in University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. He emphasized that this high quality health care delivery can only be delivered by people who are not only passionate but people who are committed to bring about change in the environment.

Dr. Jonah stated that one of the most important thing that this Management team did for the good of the whole hospital is to put down a standard that everyone should adhere to adding that once it is commissioned and is strictly adhere to, our degree of health service delivery hopefully will be much better. Finally, he appreciated his committee members for their contributions to ensure the mandate of the committee is achieved.

APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Bob Ukonu

Chairman Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC)



Dr. Godwin Akaba

Nodal Officer, SERVICOM



Professor Aliyu Y. Isah

Chairman, UATH - HREC

PHOTO GALLERY



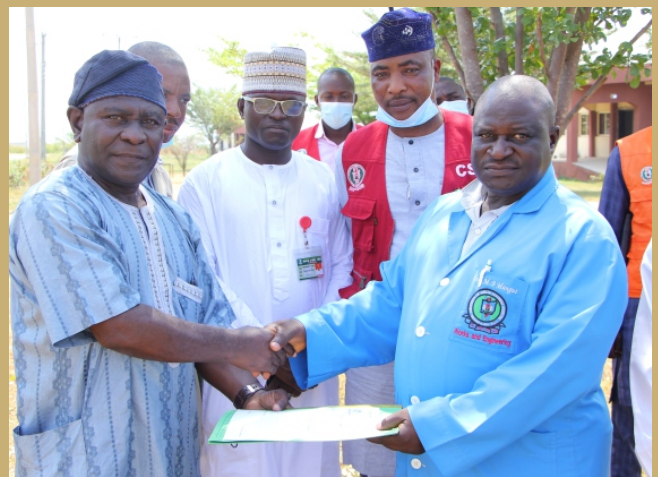
Mr. Isaac Ali of the Mental Health Department making a presentation during the Community Awareness Campaign on Mental Health Day Celebration



Staff of the Mental Health Department during the Community Awareness Campaign on Mental Health



4th from right, CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele, with the Accreditation panel of the Department of Anesthesia



Engr Bala Mangut (HOD, Works and Engineering) at the handover of the Composite Pathology Building to the contractor



The reconstituted Health Research and Ethics Committee (HREC) with the Chairman, Prof. A.Y. Isah seated 2nd from Left.



Dr. Bob Ukonu, CMAC, UATH; Prof. B. A. Ekele, CMD, UATH; Prof. P. Donkor, President, WACS and Prof. P. Mshelbwala, WACS Sec-Gen, on the President's Courtesy Visit to UATH 23/10/2021.

PHOTO GALLERY



A member of the Sisters Connect Foundation presenting a gift to an indigent patient during their visit to the hospital



NUC Accreditation Team to College of Health Sciences Uniabuja Visit to UATH



The Chairman, Nigerian Medical Association FCT Chapter, Dr. Enema Job Amodu delivering his speech at the MDCAN AGM



The CMD, UATH, Prof. B. A. Ekele delivering his welcome address at the MDCAN AGM



Major General IBJ Okeke (rtd) delivering his lecture at the MDCAN AGM



Director Finance & Account, Mr. Nimfa Zwabong and Chartered Accountants during the International Accounting Day Celebration

PHOTO GALLERY



Baby Okora at the graduation from Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU)



The CMD, Prof. B. A. Ekele unveiling the UATH protocol for the Management of Diabetic foot disease at the October 2021 Hospital Clinical Forum

SOCIAL DIARY



Mr. Chris Atabo of the Health Information Management Department and his wife during their wedding ceremony recently



Mr and Mrs James Isa of the Infectious Disease Center (IDC) UATH got wedded on the 27/11/2021. Congratulations.

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The Chief Medical Director,
University of Abuja Teaching Hospital,
Professor Bissallah Ahmed Ekele
does not operate and he is not on



Anyone who accepts or makes
friendship/request on facebook in the
name of Professor Bissallah Ahmed Ekele
does so at his or her own risk,

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SCAMMERS**

OBITUARY

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



Mr. Timothy Manzwet
Asst. Director MLS
Aged: 67 Years



Sunday Ali Yohana
Died on 11th November, 2021
Aged: 54 Years

May their souls rest in peace, Amen.

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You'll never be
criticized by
someone who is
doing more than
you. You'll
always be
criticized by
someone doing
less. Remember
that.

- DENZEL WASHINGTON



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- 2. Maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.**
- 3. Persons with persistent cough or sneezing should stay home or keep a social distance, but not mix in crowd.**
- 4. Make sure you and people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene, meaning cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or tissue into your sleeve at the bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.**
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