



# UATH BULLETIN

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## UATH Begins Construction of Additional 32-Bedded A & E Unit

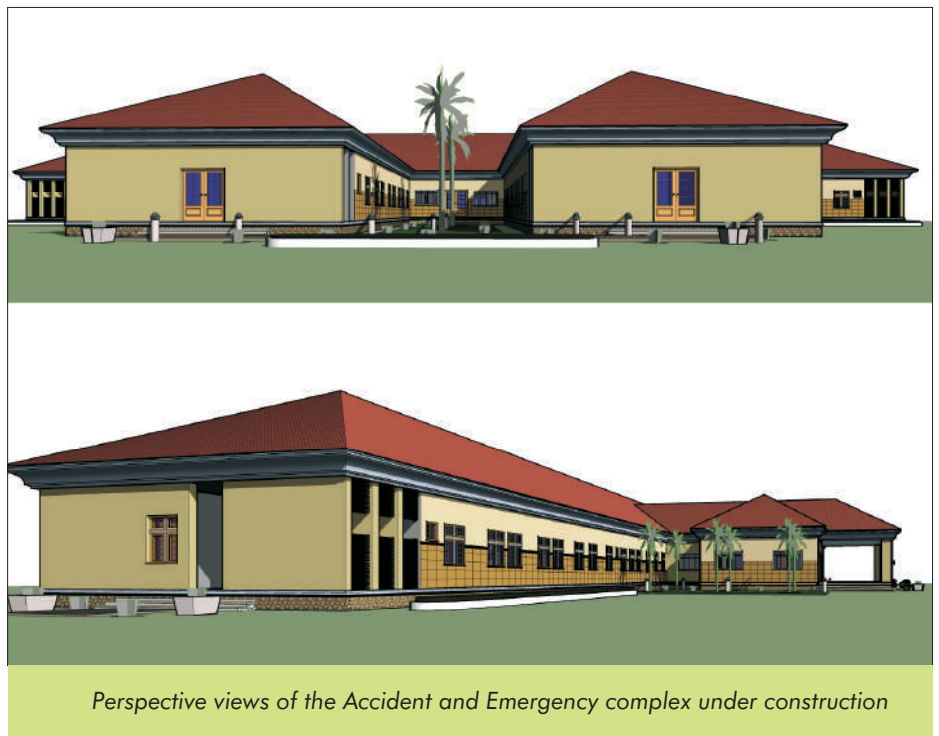
**M**anagement of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has commenced the expansion of the present Accident and Emergency Unit of the hospital as part of measures to enhance service delivery.

Handing over the project site to the contracting firm, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele said the design is for thirty-two beds of sixteen beds each for male and female.

The Chief Medical Director told the contracting firm, Unitrust Nigeria Limited, that management would pay details to quality of work.

He said the project which has a nine-month completion period would ease the congestion in the present Accident and Emergency Unit.

Professor Ekele who was represented by the Deputy Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Clinical, Dr. Terkaa



*Perspective views of the Accident and Emergency complex under construction*

Atim said the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital was a high traffic facility with the Accident and Emergency Unit as one of the key service windows.

Responding, the Chief Executive

Officer, Unitrust Nigeria Limited, Builder Paul Ibinaye thanked the Management for the opportunity and gave an assurance that his firm would not only deliver on time, it would also deliver quality work. ■

## Board Meets, Calls for Synergy

**C**hairman, Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja has called for a synergy of stakeholders in order to attract the desired development and growth to the hospital.

Dr. Jaja made the call while addressing separate meetings of the Board with Heads of Departments and leaders of Unions and Associations in the



*Chairman, Board of UATH,  
Dr. Sam Sam Jaja*

hospital.

He said the desire of the Board was to initiate policies that would bring about development and growth never witnessed in the history of the hospital adding that this would only be achieved through a well-coordinated synergy of all stakeholders.

Dr. Jaja called for discipline, punctuality and productivity in the

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## From The CMD



**Prof. B. A. Ekele**

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This edition of the *UATH BULLETIN*, is for the second quarter (April-June) of 2018. Unfortunately, the period was punctuated by the JOHESU strike so the Developmental Train could not reach some of the stations and destinations but we are now on course. The congestion at the Accident &

Emergency Unit has become embarrassing as some emergencies have to be attended to inside vehicles for lack of bed space. We have therefore mobilized to the new site of Casualty Extension, hoping that the facility can be ready for use within nine months. Meanwhile, the Hospital Oxygen Plant has been resuscitated, so we have started producing oxygen for our consumption and hopefully with time – ‘export’ to improve our IGR!

We have also taken over the new House Officers’ quarters from the contractor and have provided basic furnishing. In the coming weeks, we expect occupation to reduce the hardship that they face because of lack of accommodation. We shall propose a Phase 2 of the quarters in the next budget.

As the National Center for Assessment, we successfully conducted the second edition of Clinical Assessment of foreign trained medical and dental

graduates (over 500). We appreciate the efforts of the Committee handling the exercise and indeed all the assessors and invigilators for their time and diligent service.

We also magnificently hosted the Update and Revision course in Ortho-rhinolaryngology (ORL) for both postgraduate Colleges. Thanks to the Course Coordinator, Prof. Titus Ibekwe and his team

Congratulations to the Coordinator, staff and students of our Post Basic Intensive Care Nursing School, for being the Best School in the 2017/18 Professional examination.

Finally, let us welcome the new Head of Department of Trauma and Orthopedic Surgery, Dr. Tom Sough; as we appreciate the tremendous achievements of the out-going HOD, Dr. David Songdem.

Happy reading, as we continue to manifest our religious faith at our work places. God bless! ■

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workplace in order to make the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital a true centre of medical excellence.

The Board Chairman gave an assurance that the Board will make policies in this regard and pleaded that staff accord the Management the needed cooperation for smooth implementation.

“As a Board, our relationship with you as critical stakeholders will be open and cordial from the beginning,” Dr. Jaja said.

The Chairman said while disagreements may not be inevitable, the Board would

appreciate a *modus operandi* based on rational thinking.

“If we don’t have a common focus, if we don’t work together, we will have ourselves to blame,” he added.

Responding on behalf of his colleagues, Head of ENT, Professor Titus Ibekwe said they were pleased with the zeal with which the Board was approaching its assignment and assured the Board of the cooperation of the various departments of the Hospital.

He enjoined the Board to explore the possibility of partnership with major hospital equipment manufacturers with a view to

ensuring that areas of health care not currently covered by the hospital get coverage within the shortest possible time.

In a similar response on behalf of the Unions and Associations, President of the Association of Resident Doctors, Dr. Godday Akor thanked the Board for considering the Unions and Associations as critical stakeholders in the actualization of the mission and vision statements of the hospital and pledged the commitment of all workers to higher productivity and industrial peace. ■

## Management Takes Over House Officers' Quarters from Contractor

**E**ight flats of three bedrooms each and four self-contained rooms making a total of twenty-eight rooms have been completed by the Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and now ready for use.

The project was conceived by the Management of the Hospital in 2013 and Johato Nigeria Limited was contracted with the construction under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing.

Taking over the completed edifice, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele, said the project represents a giant step in tackling the very critical challenge of accommodation for House Officers in the hospital.

Prof. Ekele who was represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamong, expressed satisfaction with the



*Insert: (right) The Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamong receiving the keys on behalf of the Chief Medical Director.*

quality of work done by the contractor and commended the Ministry of Works and Housing for its supervisory role in the execution of the project.

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer, Johato Nigeria Limited, Hon. Matthew Ocheni expressed gratitude to the Management for the opportunity to deliver on the project. ▀

## UATH and Pro-Health International Sign Pact



*Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. B.A. Ekele signing the Memorandum of Understanding between UATH and Pro-Health International.*

**T**he Management of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and Pro-Health International had signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, to work together in bringing health care to

the door-step of indigent and underserved people in rural communities across the country.

The partnership, which is part of the Corporate Social Responsibility of the University of Abuja Teaching

Hospital, would among others provide volunteer medical personnel of the hospital to support the medical mission of Pro-Health International, a faith based, non-profit and non-governmental organization.

Before signing the MOU, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele, said the relationship would provide an excellent platform for rural communities to access healthcare at little or no cost.

He said the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital was excited about the partnership with Pro-Health International because government alone cannot provide the needs of all citizens.

The Chief Medical Director said the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has the needed manpower to undertake the partnership with Pro-Health International.

Earlier, the Executive Director of Pro-

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## Glaucoma: Over 250 Undergo Free Screening

Not fewer than two hundred and fifty residents of the Federal Capital Territory took

advantage of the window of opportunity offered by the 2018 World Glaucoma Week to have their

eyes tested free at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

The Glaucoma Week, tagged: “Go, Get Your Eyes Tested for Glaucoma: Save Your Sight” ran from March 11-18, 2018.

Giving the breakdown, Head of the Local Organizing Committee, Dr. Uko Ekaette told UATH Bulletin that of the figure, one hundred and sixty-four were women. He also disclosed that six of the two hundred and fifty screened were diagnosed with glaucoma and that treatment had commenced for the six.

Dr. Ekaette said glaucoma also referred to as the ‘thief of sight’ is a leading cause of irreversible loss of vision in most nations of the world.

He said early presentation to the clinic and treatment was key to tackling the burden of glaucoma induced blindness in the developing world. ■



A client being screened for Glaucoma during the World Glaucoma week, 2018

## UATH now Compounds UATHzal and Hand Sanitizer

The Pharmacy Department of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has commenced production of UATHzal and hand sanitizer as part of efforts at making the item available to members of the public at all time.

Head of the Department, Pharmacist Silas Luka, while presenting sample to the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele, said this would save the hospital huge sums spent on sourcing from agents and also boosts its internally generated revenue.

He said the department plans going into production of table water and



(Left) Pharmacist Technician, Mrs Hauwa Hassan; Pharmacist Stephen Chubiyajo and Pharmacist Maxwell Telzing in the compounding process of UATHOL handwash

other disinfectants within the shortest possible time.

Receiving the item, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Ekele,

commended the department for the effort and assured it of the full support of management. ■

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Health International, Dr. Iko Ibanga said Pro-Health International had covered a total of twenty-seven states of the federation and was better positioned to do more with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital as partner.

He said the central location of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in the geography of the country was an added advantage.

Dr. Ibanga said Pro-Health has over twenty-seven years' experience in the provision of free health care

services to the poor and less-privileged across Nigeria and other parts of Africa through participatory funding by individuals, groups, corporate and international donor organizations. ■

# BOARD'S INAUGURAL MEETING IN PICTURES



Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja leading the way to the venue of the meeting.



Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja declaring the inaugural meeting open.



The Board in session.



(Right) Prof. Garba Ekundayo with Dr. Teddy Agida discussing issues of interest.



Hajia Abu S. Fawa at the meeting.



Dr. Solomon Avidime at the meeting.



Dr.(Mrs.) Olufunke Ajiboye at the meeting.



Members of the Board in a group Photograph.



*(Middle) The Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele leading members of the Board on a tour of the Hospital.*



*Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja and members at the Nurses' Station in the NHIS Complex.*



*Members of the Board at the equipment room to see the e-health connectivity.*



*The Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele explaining a point of interest to the Chairman and Members of the Board.*



*Members of the Board at the Basic Intensive Critical Care Nursing School.*



*The Board at a meeting with Heads of Department.*



*Heads of Department at a meeting with the Chairman and Members of the Board.*



*Leaderships of the House Unions and Associations (ARD, JOHESU and MDCAN) at a meeting with the Board.*

# PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS



(Right) Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. B.A. Ekele signing the Memorandum of Understanding between UATH and Pro-Health International on free health care to rural communities across the country while the Executive Director of Pro-Health International, Dr. Iko Ibanga waits for his turn to sign for his organization.



(Middle) Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, UATH, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong in a photograph with members of High Flyers Sage of Government Secondary School, Gwagwalada, Abuja during an advocacy visit to the Hospital on Youth and Drug Abuse.



(Right) Head of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Nimfa Zwalbong receiving an award of "Excellence in Service to Humanity" from Rotarian Patrick Udoh, President Rotary Club District 9125, Gwagwalada, Abuja.



Agbonma Idahosa was UATH baby of the year 2018. Here, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Idahosa, left, receiving a gift from the Management of UATH on his behalf. (3rd from left) Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong assisted by Head of Nursing, Hajia Aisha Ibrahim Gombe, 2nd right, and other staff of Nursing Department at the presentation.



(Middle) Head of Otorhinolaryngology, UATH, Prof. Titus Ibekwe at the 2018 Starkey Innovation on Hearing Conference in Las Vegas. Prof. Ibekwe was the sole invitee from West Africa and he is currently working on the provision of quality hearing care in West Africa at no cost. (Left) Former United States President, Mr. George Bush. (Right) Former British Prime Minister, Mr. Tony Blair at the conference.



Dr. Salisu Suleiman, Consultant Urologist, UATH was in March, 2018 awarded the Mbonu/Anugwu prize in urology for his outstanding performance in all his exams by the West African College of Surgeons at its 58th Annual Conference in Bangul, the Gambia. By this award, UATH has been placed in an enviable position as a high flying training institution and centre of excellence in West Africa.



(Left) Pharmacist Maxwell Telzing, Jameela Danladi and Stephen Chubiyojo displaying UATHZAL compounded by the Department of Pharmacy.



It was a celebration of life for the Sokwo family when their Matriach, Omu-Denwi Nduwma, Boyina Sokwo gave it up for a heavenly call at the age of 98 years. She is survived by many children amongst whom is Dr. Jacob Sokwo of the Department of Orthopaedics/Trauma. (Insert is Dr. Sokwo at the funeral).

## World Sickle Cell Day: Management Tasks Care-Givers to do More

As the world marks this year's sickle cell day, Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital wants care-givers to do more at ensuring that people with sickle cell disorder live a happier life.

Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, gave the charge while addressing a rally of health care givers and patients to mark the 2018 World Sickle Cell Day Celebration.

He said the theme: "Eradicating Sickle Cell Through Health Education," was apt in view of the knowledge sharing required to bring about succor and eventual prevention.

Dr. Baamlong commended the Department of Paediatrics, organizer of the event, for drawing greater public awareness to sickle cell disorder through the rally and



Some of the participants at the 2018 World Sickle Cell Day Celebration

reiterated the commitment of management to activities that would all time put the care of patients in the front burner.

Earlier, Dr. Innocent Adebayo of the Department of Paediatrics had told the Management of the Hospital that the rally was a response to the growing need to bridge the information gap on the causes and prevention of sickle cell disorder.

Also speaking, the Chairman, Sickle Cell Supporters' Group, Mr. Stephen Adesina thanked the Management of the Hospital for endorsing the rally to drum greater care for people with sickle cell.

The United Nations General Assembly endorsed the 19th of June every year as World's Sickle Cell Day to draw attention to the plight of people living with sickle cell. ▣

## Supporting our Indigent Patients

Support has continued to come the way of many of the indigent patients that access health care in our facility.

Thanks to the caring heart of Aisha Children Foundation, a Non-Governmental Organisation with extensive passion for children.

The founder, Miss Aisha Yahaya, not only donate blood to needy patients, she has also put in huge sums of money in the payment of bills and purchase of drugs for patients.

Also, Alhaji Abdulrahman Mohammed of Bakka Oil Nigeria Limited has donated a sum of One hundred thousand Naira for upgrade of facilities that will care for



Miss Aisha Yahaya feeding one of the over three hundred and fifty patients her NGO had cared for

children in the Special Care Baby Unit, SCBU, while Stamford Hotels Limited, Kubwa paid off the bill of

three patients up to the sum of One hundred and Seventy-Seven thousand Naira.

Thanks to Mr. Innocent Madu of Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja for a donation of a pair of crutches.

Meantime, Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has continued to express it's gratitude to all donors to the Hospital's Indigent Welfare Initiative. ▣



## OBITUARY

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

- Mrs. Nwakama Augustina Chioma, Chief Nursing Officer. Aged: 53 years.
- Mr. David Elisha Tula, age 56 years old. Until his death, he was an Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Accounts
- Dr. Oluremi Adetotun Alabi, aged 40 years.
- Mr. Nathaniel Udoji of the CSSD. Aged 50 years