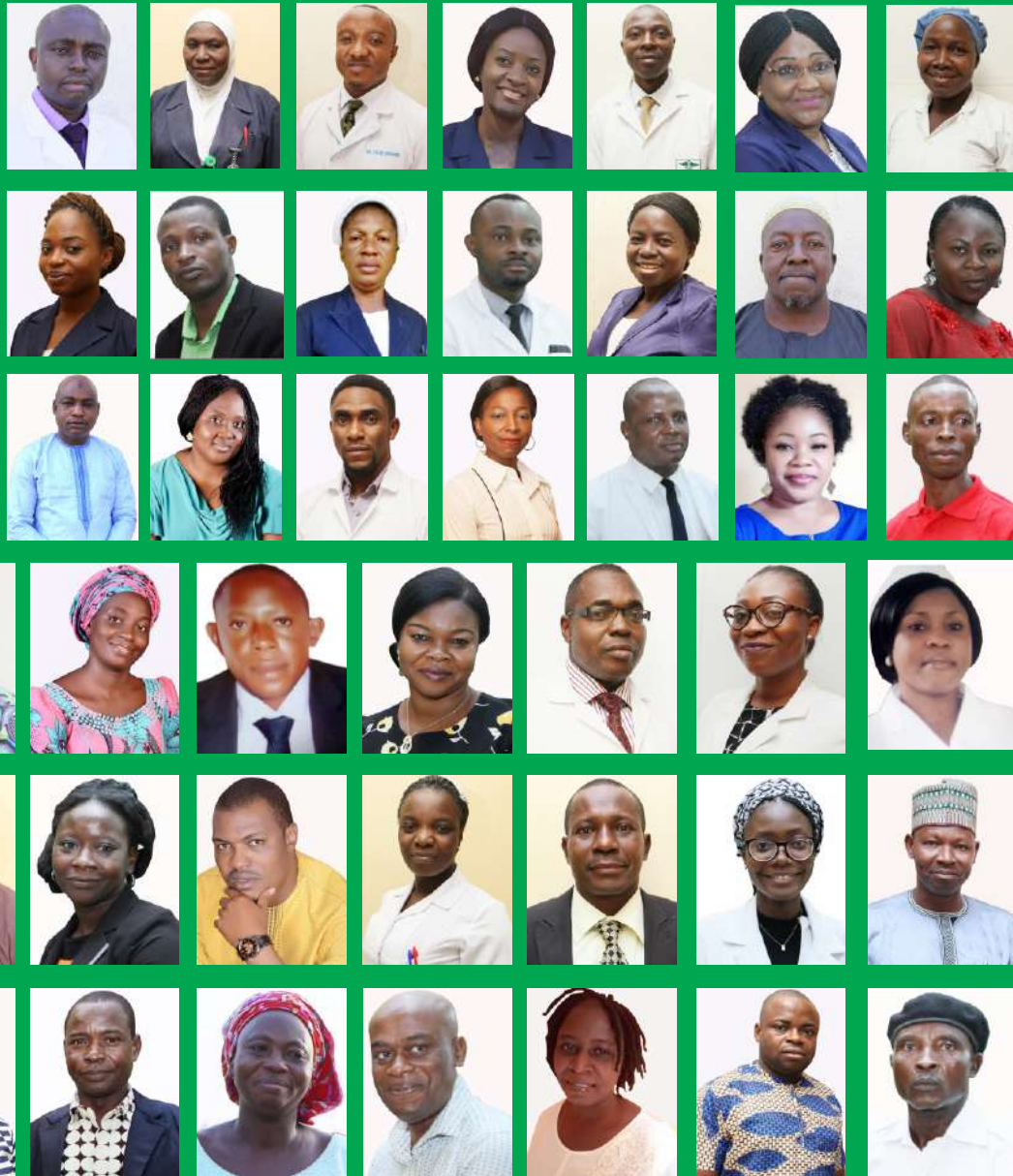




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UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA TEACHING HOSPITAL

GWAGWALADA, ABUJA.

OUR VISION

To render qualitative and effective Specialists' health care services through well-motivated staff at an affordable rate.

MISSION

Our corporate mission is that of a well-equipped, modern tertiary health facility with a dedicated manpower to fulfill the following functions:

- 1. Render efficient and effective health care services to all categories of patients/clients within and outside the Federal Capital Territory.**
- 2. Provide clinical teaching in all medical fields at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.**
- 3. Carry out health-related researches to the benefit of humanity.**

MANAGEMENT

From the CMD



Prof. B. A. Ekele

MBBS, FWACS, FICS, FRCOG, Cert. HSM, (Israel)

This is the first edition of UATH BULLETIN for the year 2020 (Volume 3, No.1). It is still appropriate therefore to say: Happy New Year!

It is now a tradition to honor staff that distinguish themselves at the end of the year to a dinner party. The 2019 edition was organized by a Board committee Chaired by Professor Felicia Anumah in conjunction with the SERVICOM Unit and the winners have deservedly taken the front cover of this Bulletin. This edition is therefore a Collector's Item! The Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, KSC, (*Balolo of Opobo Kingdom*), also directed that two strategically located notice boards display the awardees until the next set of winners emerge. That we have faithfully done!

The Best Staff of the Year 2019 - Dr. Dike Ojji (Consultant Cardiologist) was unanimously nominated for the award because of his consistent dedication to clinical duties; passion for teaching and training undergraduate

medical students and resident doctors; and his uncommon transformational and impactful researches that regularly attract Grants. For each grant, the hospital benefits in terms of physical development. He is indeed the pride of the Hospital!

The Best Department Award was won by the Biomedical Engineering Unit of Works Department. The Unit has saved the Hospital huge amounts of money that would have gone to contractors and vendors by effectively and efficiently taking over the maintenance of the incubators at the Special Care Baby Unit and the Dialysis machines amongst other commendable accomplishments. The Special Recognition Award went to Senator Betty Apiafi for sponsoring many apt health care bills in the National Assembly and for her role in our reacquisition of the Trauma Center. There were other well-deserved winners which have been captured in the photo splash section of the Bulletin.

Again, we had a 100% pass at the Council final examination of the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing program. We congratulate the staff and students for this feat. The Alumni Association of the School has donated a 10-seater bus to the school and the Hospital management has promised to provide another vehicle to aid the outside postings of the students. We also congratulate all the resident doctors that passed at various levels of the Post graduate College examinations.

WHO has designated this year 2020, as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honor of the 200th birth anniversary of the 'Mother' of modern day Nursing and

Midwifery - Florence Nightingale.

To flag off the activities to mark the celebration, the Nigerian Nurses Charitable Organization - United Kingdom (the umbrella body for all Nigerian nurses and midwives in the United Kingdom) held a training workshop in our Hospital. Our ace photographer, Mr. Sunday Isah was available to cover the event.

Let us welcome, Professor T. A. Esan (Professor of Restorative Dentistry), who has joined us on sabbatical leave from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, Nigeria. Congratulations to Dr. A. S. Sani on his appointment as Head, Accident and Emergency Unit for a one year period.

Meanwhile, the 60th Annual General Conference of the West African College of Surgeons was held in Abuja, Nigeria in February 2020 and we promise to showcase the event in our next edition.

Finally, the fraudsters that opened a Facebook account using my details are now minimally active. But they still ask potential victims to pay some amount for employment or pay registration fees to supply laptops to the Hospital. They use these phone numbers: 09029503744; 07082341308, 07087423710. They also use one Dr. Egbe as their contact. Again, am not on Facebook or messenger, they are scammers and please do not patronize them!

Happy reading and God bless.

Hospital Management meets with Consultants

It has become a tradition at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for management at the beginning of the year to meet with stakeholders to review the activities of the previous year and chart a course for the New Year. The Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele in his welcome address wished all the consultants the best of the season and tasked them to improve clinical service delivery to the teaming patients and clients. The Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong in his presentation highlighted the tremendous achievements recorded in the previous year, 2019, that includes purchase of some vital medical equipment like Theatre operating lights, Operating tables, Anesthetic machines and monitors. Other areas of development include the creation of the theatre reception; fully operational casualty theatre; E-health project and the relocation of the Cardiology unit to the first floor of the Trauma Center. The CMAC also confirmed the full accreditation status of seven Departments by both National

and West African Postgraduate Colleges, namely: Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Otorhinolaryncology (ENT), Pediatrics and Family Medicine while Laboratory Medicine got partial accreditation. The completion of the Accident and Emergency Annex and the takeover of the second and third floors of the Trauma Centre were the other achievements recorded in 2019.

The Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo in her presentation said the 2019 was a memorable and record breaking year because after 25 years of existence as a Hospital, it was only in 2019 that the Certificate of Occupancy for the land was acquired. She said there was also no strike action in 2019 as all the Unions and Associations embraced dialogue to resolve contentious issues.

The Director of Administration thanked the Chief Medical Director for his initiative in renovating the Administrative block. On a sad note, Mrs Adebajo recounted that three deaths were recorded in the

period under review. In another presentation, the Head of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Nimfa Zwalbong said as health is important in the life of human beings so also is the finance of an organization and without resources all the achievements mentioned would not be possible. The head of Finance and Accounts said all claims and emoluments due to all staff including salary arrears and allowances have been paid except for the consequential adjustments of the national minimum wage for consultants which was still pending. Finally, he advised on the need for timely retirement of cash advances. Similarly, the Head of Internal Audit, Mrs. Agnes Agulana said all the auditing processes were done in accordance to the laid down rules of the Federal Government as there was no query from the office of the Auditor General of the Federation and the external auditors were pleased with the hospital auditing processes. She advised staff on the need to retire cash advances due to them as retirements not done within a given time frame will be deducted from the staff salary.

The Chief Medical Director unveiled the expectations and priorities for the year 2020 which include:

- Commissioning and use of the new Accident and Emergency Extension.
- Furnishing and equipping the acquired Trauma Center.
- Construction of the Mental Health Block.
- Employment of more staff especially in the Departments of Anaesthesia and Dental & Maxillofacial Surgery.
- More advocacies to NGOs and developmental partners to support the Hospital.



Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele delivering his opening speech at the meeting of Consultants with the Top Management of the Hospital.

Insert: A cross section of Consultants and Top Management of the Hospital during the meeting.

UATH Honours Fifty Four Staff at the 2019 Staff Award Ceremony

The Honorable Minister of Health Dr. Osagie E. Ehanire has congratulated the awardees for their hard work and dedication to duty during the year 2019. He stated that there are two important things in civil service and these are reward and sanction. The award ceremony he said was a time for reward. He thanked the management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for honoring those who distinguished themselves in the service of the hospital.

The Minister who was represented by the Director of Hospital Services, Dr. Joseph Amedu, mni, also commended the hospital management for maintaining a very clean hospital environment and said this will enhance better health delivery which is one of missions the present administration of President Muhammad Buhari. He thanked the special guest and Deputy Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Senator Betty Apiafi for the vital role she played in seeing to the passage of the Residency Act of 2017 when she was a member of the Federal House of Representative.

Earlier, during the award ceremony

the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele in his welcome address said there was a remarkable improvement in staff general attitude to work and that if it was possible, the management will give the award to every staff.

This good gesture of management

should encourage all staff to do their best in the various units and departments of the Hospital.

The CMD also appreciated the Unions and Association in the hospital for their co-operation and said without them all the remarkable achievements recorded would not have been possible.



Representative of the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr. Joseph Amedu, mni, presenting the UATH Special Recognition Award to Senator Betty Apiafi.

Lassa Fever: Prevention is Key – Dr. Vivian Kwaghe

Lassa fever remains an important cause of morbidity and mortality in West Africa, especially in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Republic of Guinea. In the absence of an effective prevention Vaccine, prevention strategies remains the main stay of preventing Lassa Fever infection in the general population and among high risk group such as health workers.

A consultant Infectious Disease with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Vivian Kwaghe of the Department of Internal Medicine disclosed this at the Hospital ground

round of January 2020, edition.

In her paper entitled “Epidemiology, clinical presentation and treatment of Lassa Fever” Dr. Kwaghe said the number of Lassa virus infections per year in West Africa is estimated at 100,000 to 300,000 with approximately 5000 deaths. In some area of Sierra Leone and Liberia, it is known that 10% - 16% of people admitted to hospitals every year have Lassa fever.

She said Lassa fever is endemic in Nigeria, the out breaks have been occurring since the virus was isolated in 1969. Transmission occurs via direct

contact with rat urine feces and saliva; via contact with excretion or secretion – infected materials or via ingestion of excretion – contaminated food. In some areas rodents are used as a food source, thus providing additional exposure to the infected rat blood as well allowing ingestion of potentially contaminated meat.

The Lassa fever presents with symptom and signs indistinguishable from those of febrile illness such as malaria etc.

The incubation period of Lassa fever ranges from 7 to 21 days.

UATH to Take over Trauma Center, Board Chairman

The Chairman of the Board of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja has assured the Hospital community that the controversy surrounding the Trauma Center of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital will soon be a thing of the past. He made this known at the 2019 Staff Award organized to recognize staff that were outstanding in their duties. In the same vein, he affirmed that the work at the new Accident and Emergency Extension building has been completed and that soon the issue of no bed space in the hospital Casualty will be over. Dr. Sam Sam Jaja while congratulating the winners said honor is given to who is due and to whom much is given, much is expected. He charged the awardees to count this opportunity as a rare privilege and to see the award as a source of motivation to work harder. He

also commend the Chief Security Officer (CSO) Major Usman Aliyu (Rtd) for beefing up security in the hospital as no major incidence of theft has been recorded since his assumption of office. During the event the special guest of honor and Deputy Chairman,

Senate Committee on Health, Senator Betty Apiafi stated that the furnishing of the Trauma Centre with medical equipment was included in the 2020 budget and she looks forward to the implementation.



Board Chairman, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja making his opening remarks during the 2019 Staff Awards Ceremony.

A & E Extension Building Ready for Commissioning

The Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele was officially handed over the

keys of the completed Accident and Emergency Extension Building. This was done by Engineer Paul Ibinaiye,

the Director of the construction company, Unitrust Nigeria Limited. Prof. Ekele said by completing the Accident and Emergency building the issue of space to accommodate and treat both medical and surgical emergencies will soon be over.

The CMD applauded the company, Unistrut Nigeria Limited for not only delivering within the twelve-month time frame but for doing a good job. He stated that 70% of the work has been executed and that the remaining 30% which is furnishing of the building is still very important and he promised to commence the furnishing as soon as funds are available from the Federal Ministry of Health.



Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele receiving the keys to the building from the representative of the contractor Unitrust Nigeria Limited.

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Department of Ophthalmology Fetes Retirees at End of Year Party

The Department of Ophthalmology, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital honoured some staff that retired from the department recently. Deputy CMAC (Clinical), University

of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Atim who represented the Hospital management congratulated the Department for its team spirit by bringing the entire health workers in the department together to

celebrate at the end of the year.

He stated that such gesture will take the department to greater heights and was worthy of emulation. The Head of Department of Ophthalmology, Prof. Abdulkadir Ayaniyi earlier in his welcome address said the year 2019 was a great year for the department as the got full accreditation from both Postgraduate Colleges. He commended the management for their support and without which the successes would not have been possible. He also said the department was accredited for sub-specialty training and the result is still being awaited. Prof. Ayaniyi applauded the Registrars that passed their Fellowship examinations and that it was another tremendous achievement. Finally, Prof. congratulated the retirees, while appreciating God for protecting them throughout their career in the hospital.



Head of Department of Ophthalmology, Prof. Abdulkadir Ayaniyi presenting a gift to a staff who retired recently at the end of year party.

Department of Mental Health Building Site Handed Over to Contractor

The developmental train of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital continue to move from one Department to another under the leadership of the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele, and has finally reached the Department of Mental Health. During the handover of the site ceremony the Chief Medical Director has charged the contractor El-mansur Atelier Limited not to only deliver within the nine months' time frame but also to deliver a high quality work that can stand the test of time.

The Chief Medical Director who was represented by the Deputy CMAC (Training and Research) Dr.

Kudirat Olateju said the contracting company should do its best to deliver a befitting and high quality work.

Speaking during the ceremony the Head of Department of Works and Engineering, Engr. Bala Mangut thanked the management for the development initiatives and

promised to supervise the project diligently. Responding, the representative of El- Mansur Atelier Limited thanked the management of the Hospital for giving the company the opportunity to perform and promised that the company will deliver a very high quality work.



Deputy CMAC Training and Research, Dr. Kudirat Olateju and the Head of Department Mental Health, Dr. Ojo during the site handover.

UATH Hosts Capacity Building Program for Nurses and Midwives

Earlier in 2019, the World Health Organization designated the year 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife” in honor of the 200th birth anniversary of the progenitor of the modern day nursing and midwifery profession, Florence Nightingale. The nursing profession is the single largest professional group within the health industry, and such deserves their pride of place within the system of healthcare delivery.

In light of the above, the Nigerian Nurses Charitable Organization-United Kingdom the umbrella body for all Nigerian nurses and midwives in the United Kingdom celebrated with other diaspora Nigerian Nurses globally in Nigeria and

University of Abuja Teaching was considered to host the program. This event attracted many eminent personalities that include the Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Dr. Ibrahim Y. Oloriebge; Chairman, Senate Committee on Diaspora, Senator Surajudeen Basiru; CEO, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa; Director and Head of Nursing Service Federal Ministry of Health Mrs Vera Okolo amongst others.

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Prof. Bissalah A. Ekele who was represented by the Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong appreciated the organizing team for considering our

facility to host the great event. He further stated that the hospital considered it an honour to have within her premises all the distinguished guests especially Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa.

Chairman Senate Committee on Health, Dr. Ibrahim Y. Oloriebge said it is a great honor to witness this noble occasion and congratulate nurses all over the world. He urged all the members to take advantage of this capacity building to improve themselves for better services. He equally advocated for more capacity building to enhance quality health delivery.

Similarly, Chairman/CEO, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa appreciated and congratulated the association for organizing this program aimed at better and improved services. She advised for peaceful co-existence among health workers especially between Nurses and Doctors in order to attain greater height in health care delivery. Together we will build the Nigeria of our dreams she said and declared open the program tagged “Nigeria 2020 the year of Nurses and Midwives.” Finally, the Head of Nursing Services University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Mrs. Lydia U. Chukwu in her vote of thanks said she was delighted with the organizer of the program and that what she witness during this program had made it necessary for her to ask for more.



The CMAC, Dr. N. Baamlong (3rd right); CEO, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (5th right); HOD Nursing, Mrs. L. Chukwu (1st left) and other dignitaries at the occasion

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Finally, he promised that at the appropriate time, decision will be taken on the usage of each room as

well as the appropriate name for the building.

The Director of the Unistrut

Nigeria Limited in his earlier remarks thanked the management of the Hospital for giving them the opportunity to execute the project.

2019 STAFF AWARDS

2019 STAFF AWARD RECIPIENTS



**BIO-ENGINEERING UNIT
OF WORKS DEPARTMENT**

BEST DEPARTMENT
OF THE YEAR



DR. ADEBAYO BARNABAS
FAMILY MEDICINE



DR. IBRAHIM ETUBI
INTERNAL MEDICINE



DR. GODWIN EWU
COMMUNITY MEDICINE



FORTUNE OGBONNA
RADIOLOGY



PADA TUKURA
OUTPATIENT CLINICS



RIMDANI NANLE
MENTAL HEALTH



JOHN FRANCIS
DENTAL & MAXILLOFACIAL



DR. UBONG ANYANG
O & G



UDEMUEZO CHINELE
LABORATORY (INTERN)



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ORTHOPAEDIC WARD



OWOJORI ESTHER
POST NATAL WARD



RONKE OKOH
DIALYSIS



SULAIMAN SHUAIBU
PHARMACY (INTERN)



ISA ADAMU
ADMINISTRATION



ESTHER YUSUF
MEDICAL LIBRARY



INUWA OKPE
PHARMACY



VINCENT EKERE
MALE SURGICAL WARD



PHIBI AMOS
SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT



EZENWA AUGUSTA
THEATRE



AMOS AMANA
FINANCE



PHILOMINA OMOIEKE
LABORATORY



BINTA ABUBAKAR
ANTE NATAL CLINIC



YUNUS IBRAHIM
PROCUREMENT

2019 STAFF AWARDS



INEGBE RACHAEL
FEMALE MEDICAL WARD



GIDEON MOSES
FINANCE



RUTH EMMANUEL
HEALTH INFORMATION



OKPURU MICHAEL
FEMALE SURGICAL WARD



KAUNA MADAKI
EYE WARD/CLINIC



JUMMAI JACOB
DIETETICS



DR. SHERIF ISAH
OPHTHAMATHOLOGY



IKUSAGBA GRACE
EMERGENCY PAEDIATRIC UNIT



ADAMA YAKUBU
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT



DR. OWODUNNI BOLAJOKO
HOUSE OFFICER



ALIYU EMMANUEL
PHYSIOTHERAPY



OGUIKE CECILIA
MALE MEDICAL WARD



OKWARA MERCY
EAR, NOSE & THROAT



OPEYEMI EZEKIEL
LABOUR WARD



SALOME OGBALE LEO
GOPD



PONTIP GAMBO
AUDIT



SALOME EZECH
ADMINISTRATION



SARATU HASSAN
CASUALTY



JAMES CHUBUEZE OJO
CORPER



JIMOH ALIYU
WORKS AND ENGINEERING



LARE JEMMY OMOWUMI
GYNAE WARD



SUNDAY THOMAS
HEALTH INFORMATION



SOWEMIMO OLUWATUMISE
PHYSIOTHERAPY (INTERN)



ACHEMU AYEGBA
ICON



THOMAS AGBATSOGHIE
CROWN CONTINENTAL SECURITY

PROFILE OF THE BEST STAFF FOR 2019

Dr. Dike Ojji graduated from Nigeria's premier university, University of Ibadan, 1995 and subsequently had his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at the University College Hospital, Ibadan and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane, Australia. He is a fellow of the West African College of Physicians (WACP), American College of Physicians (ACP), European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and Nigerian Cardiac Society (NCS). He also holds a PhD in Cardiovascular Medicine from the University of Cape Town, South Africa in 2013. He is a faculty at the College of Health Sciences of University of Abuja and an Honorary Consultant Physician, at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Abuja, Nigeria. He is the Lead Investigator, Cardiovascular Research Unit, University of Abuja and University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, and his research areas of interest include: pharmacotherapy of hypertension especially in Africans, hypertensive heart failure, co-morbid risk factors in hypertension and echoardiography.

Dr. Ojji is the multiple Principal Investigator of Hypertension Treatment in Nigeria Research Project (which is a National Institute of Health of the United States of America sponsored study) in collaboration with North Western University Chicago, with the aim of developing a system for hypertension management at public primary care institutions in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

He was the principal investigator for the CREOLE Trial (a multicenter and multinational trial of the efficacy and tolerability of three arms of two-drug combinations of frontline anti-hypertensive medications in blacks residing in sub-Saharan Africa) with

main result already published in the New England Journal of Medicine March 2019 (as first author). He also led the 13 city hypertension study (observational study that assessed blood pressure control and tolerability of perindopril-amlodipine fixed dose combination with or without diuretics in Nigerian Hypertensive patients) and Nebivolol Study (which assessed the efficacy and tolerability of the highly selective beta-1 agent, Nebivolol in Nigerian hypertensive patients).

Dr Ojji has also been involved in a number of multinational clinical trials including the Variations in Cause and Management of Atrial Fibrillation in a Prospective Registry (RELY AF) Study, The Causes, Treatment and Outcome of Acute Heart Failure in 1006 Africans From 9 Countries (THESUS) Heart Failure study, the Adjunctive Prednisolone and Mycobacterium Immunotherapy in Tuberculous Pericarditis (IMPI) study, the BAEFT study, the Rheumatic Heart Disease Registry (REMEDY) study, the INTERCHF Study and ECHO Normal Study, as site principal investigator.

He has over 68 manuscripts published in peer reviewed, high-impact journals like New England Journal of Medicine, American Heart Journal, European Heart Journal, Journal Human Hypertension, Journal of American Medical Association and the Lancet.

He is an Examiner at the West African College of Physicians (Internal Medicine) and also examines Masters' and Ph. D thesis in the Department of Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa. He is the Co-Chair, Pan- African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR) Hypertension Task Force. Member, Scientific Committee of World Heart Federation and Editor, New Nigerian Journal of Clinical Research which is



the official journal of Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Branch). Dr Ojji is also a reviewer of journals like Circulation, European Journal of Heart Failure, Journal Human Hypertension, Journal Clinical Hypertension, Nigerian Journal of Cardiology, BMJ Open Access and Cardiology.

He was the Chairman and Pastor, Elders Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Chapel from October 2009 to October 2013. He is a patron of Fellowship for Christian Students, University of Abuja and Nigerian Christian Corpers' Fellowship (Gwagwalada). Dr. Ojji has won several awards including the 2015 American College of Physicians International Fellowship Exchange Program Award (Johns Hopkins); 2015 NIH and Wits Non-Communicable Disease Research and Leadership Emerging Leadership Short Research Fellowship Award, University of Witwatersrand, SA and the 2014 Emerging Leader Award in Cardiovascular Medicine by World Heart Federation.

His hobbies include spending time with his family, watching soccer, playing table tennis and mentoring young ones.

He is married to Dr. (Mrs) Olubunmi Ojji and they are blessed with two children.

Critical Care Nursing School Records 100% Pass

The Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has broken another record in academic excellence. The Set 22 students of the school who sat for the nursing and midwifery council final examination from 5th to 8th November, 2019, all made distinctions, scoring 100% in the examinations. This outstanding performance has won several awards for the students from the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

The coordinator of ICN School of Post Basic Critical Care Nursing, Mrs. Joy Egbunu expressed gratitude to God and applauded the students for their hard work and

commitment. Delighted about this performance, Mrs Egbunu and some members of the school's Alumni Association on the 30th January 2020 presented a ten (10) seater Hyundai Stavex Bus to the hospital management as donation from the alumni body to ease the transportation challenges faced by

students. In the same vein, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissalah A. Ekele also pledged to support the school with a Eighteen Seater bus before the end of the year to further ease the movement of the students.



The 10-Seater bus donated by the Alumni of the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School to the School.

Laboratory Revolving Fund Committee Reconstituted

The Laboratory Revolving Fund Committee has been reconstituted with a mandate to ensure quality service delivery in the hospital laboratories. The reconstituted committee is to also ensure continuous availability of consumables and reagents in the laboratory among others. The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor B. A. Ekele,

outlined the committee's terms of reference while inaugurating the nine - man committee. He said the committee would also be requested to carry out any other assignment that may be required of it from time to time by the management. The main reason to rejig the committee is to ensure prompt and continuous laboratory diagnosis which is very important in any tertiary health care facility.

The chairman of the committee is Associate Professor Maxwell Nwegbu of the Department of Chemical Pathology and the Secretary is Isa Adamu of the Department of Administration. Other members include Dr. Jonah Peter, Musa Mamman Dala, Ibrahim Mohammed Najibullah, Georgina Duru, Jim Whyte, Markus Peter Kato and Dr. Ahaneku Osuji.

APPOINTMENTS



Prof. Temitope Ayodeji Esan
Department of Dental and Maxillofacial (Sabbatical)



Prof. Maxwell Nwegbu
Chairman, Laboratory Revolving Fund Committee



Dr. Ali Samuel Sani
Head, Accident and Emergency Unit

2019 STAFF AWARD IN PICTURES



The Chief Medical Director University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. B. A. Ekele making his welcome address during the 2019 staff award ceremony.



The Special Guest of Honor and Deputy Chairman Senate Committee on Health, Senator Betty Apiafi speaking during the 2019 staff award ceremony.



From left, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele; Board Chairman and Chairman of the award ceremony, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja; Special Guest of Honor, Senator Betty Apiafi; Dr. Joseph Amedu, mni, Director of Hospital Services (Representing the Minister), and Professor Felicia Anumah, Chairperson of the award committee during the 2019 staff award.



The Pioneer Chief Medical Director, Dr. Danjuma Sulai speaking during the 2019 staff award ceremony with the Area Commander, Gwagwalada Area Command, Dr. Sunday Okoebor seated to his right.



Dr. Dike Ojji Consultant Cardiologist, receiving the Best Staff Award from the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele at the 2019 award ceremony.



Head of Works and Engineering, Engr. Bala Mangut receiving the Best Department Award (Biomedical Engineering Unit) from the Chief Medical Director.



Senator Betty Apiafi receiving the UATH Special Recognition Award from the Board Chairman, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja.



Mr. Achemu Ayegba receiving the Best Porter of the year award from the former Chief Medical Director, Dr. Nandul Durfa.



First Baby of the Year delivered in the Hospital (Baby Uriel Samuel 01.01.2020)



The Chairman Medical Advisory Committee Dr. Nicholas Baamlong and Head of Nursing Services Mrs Lydia Chukwu presenting gifts to Mr. and Mrs Simon Samuel, parents of the first baby of the year.



Mrs Keziah Chinke handing over to Mrs Justina Shanyibwa Alii Iyakura as the acting Head of Department of Medical Social Welfare Services.



Mr. Jerome Seyil, immediate past Head of Department Health Information receiving a merit award from the Deputy CMAC Research and Training Dr. Kudirat Olateju during a valedictory session organized by Department of Health Information Management.



Second from right: Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in a hand shake with Mrs Rose Wonder Yakubu during the her send forth ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs Yakubu receiving gift from the staff of Laboratory Sciences Department during the valedictory session in honor of Mrs Rose Wonder Yakubu.



Prof. D. Nzeh, Mr. Nimfa Zwalbong (DDF), Mrs K. Adebajo (DA), Prof. B. Ekele (CMD), Dr. N. Baamlong (CMAC), Mrs N. Agulana (HIA) and Prof. T. Yawe at the meeting of Management with Consultants.



UATH Management having a round table meeting with Consultants at the beginning of the year.

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University of Abuja Teaching Hospital,
Professor Bissallah Ahmed Ekele
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- 2. Maintain at least 1.5 metres (5 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.**
- 5. Stay home if you feel unwell with symptoms like fever, cough and difficulty in breathing. Please call NCDC toll free number, which is available day and night, for guidance: 0800 970 0000-0010. Do not engage in self- medication.**
- 6. Healthcare workers are always advised to observe standard infection prevention and control measures when attending to patients and take a travel history.**
- 7. Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19 through official channels on TV and Radio, NCDC and Federal Ministry of Health.**



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