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MANAGEMENT

Twenty-Six Years After, UATH Gets Right of Occupancy

The University of Abuja Teaching hospital now has a right of occupancy over the piece of land she currently occupies.

Breaking the news at a meeting with leaders of unions and associations in the hospital, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele said this had given the hospital legitimacy over the land and would speed up growth and development.

"More importantly, this would end illegal occupancy and encroachment by land speculators and their collaborators," the Chief Medical Director added.

Professor Ekele disclosed that the Top Management Committee had gone ahead to plant ornamental trees at the extremes of the land as the hospital's sign of authority over the yet to be developed part of the land in-lieu of perimeter fencing.

The Chief Medical Director commended Architect Yakubu A. Edicha of the Procurement Unit and the Honorable Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Malam Muhammed Bello for their role in securing the right of occupancy for the hospital's land.

Leaders of the unions and associations commended the Chief Medical Director and members of the Top Management Committee for the feat.

The University of Abuja Teaching

Hospital was handed over to the Federal Ministry of Health in August, 1993 by the Federal Capital Development Authority, FCDA, without the right of occupancy. ■



Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, Chairman, Board of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

UATH to Attain 450 Bed-Capacity Soon, CMD

Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor B. Ekele says the desire of Management is to expand the current bed capacity of the hospital to four hundred and fifty.

This, the Chief Medical Director said would, to an extent, address the 'no bed space challenge' and change the age-long narrative of the hospital being a three – hundred and fifty bed space to that of four hundred and fifty.

Professor Ekele stated this at an interactive session with representatives of unions and associations in the hospital.

He said the steps being taken include the expansion and extension of the Accident and Emergency unit, construction of an isolation complex and a Ward for the Department of Mental Health. Professor Ekele said some of the structures would be ready for use before the end of the year while others would be ready in 2020.

In separate comments, representatives of the unions and associations commended the CMD for the vision. Unions and associations present at the interactive session include the Senior Staff Association, Medical and Dental Consultants' Association, Association of Resident Doctors, Medical and Health Workers' Union, Non-Academic Staff Union, National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives as well as Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals. ■

From the CMD



Prof. B. A. Ekele

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

Welcome to the third edition of our BULLETIN for the year 2019 (Volume 2, No.3). We have decided to go full gloss and that has given this edition (and subsequent ones) a different look. We shall therefore call this edition - **The Next level.**

The period under review (July - September 2019) witnessed very high profile visitors and guests to the Hospital. The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, **Alhaji Abdullaziz Marshi Abdullahi**, who was then the Acting Minister of Health, came with the Director, Hospital Services, **Dr. Joe Amedu**, mni and the Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, **Dr. Chikwe Ihekazu** to inspect the Isolation Ward under construction. As usual, our ace camera man – Sunday has a photo splash of the event. Other August visitors include:

- The Registrar, Health Information Officers' Registration Council of Nigeria, **Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim** led members of their Council to visit the Hospital and to

appreciate the efforts made to fully computerize medical records in the Hospital.

- The Accreditation panel from the West African College of Physicians led by **Prof. S. Quayson** (University of Ghana) visited for postgraduate training in Laboratory Medicine.
- The Accreditation team from the West African College of Surgeons led by **Professor J. Ikechibelu** for the re- accreditation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department.
- The Accreditation team from the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria led by Dr. Adekunle Adeyomowe (LUTH) came for the re- accreditation of Radiology Department.
- The Chairman, House Committee on Healthcare Services, Honorable (**Dr. Tanko Sununu Yusuf** came along with the National President, Nigerian Medical Association, **Dr. Francis Faduyile** for a courtesy call.
- The Program Director, United States Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Nigeria, **Dr. Daniel Duvall** visited with his team from Atlanta, to re- enforce the collaboration with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, Abuja.
- The former Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, **Prof. Nuhu Yaqub**, paid a courtesy visit to the Hospital to appreciate the automatic intake of medical graduates of University of Abuja for the

one year Housemanship. It will be recalled that it was during his tenure as Vice Chancellor that the College of Health Sciences was started.

- Another former Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Abuja, **Professor Sunday Adelabu** was in the Hospital to appreciate our modest achievements.

The Development Train has finally left the Department of Radiology to the Nutrition and Dietetics Department. The Legal Unit, Medical Records, Laboratory and the Library are on cue!

Congratulations to Fellows of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria for a successful 50th Anniversary celebration and All Fellows Congress held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, Nigeria from 16th to 21st September, 2019.

At the congress, the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong was elected the Chairman, Faculty of Family Medicine.

Congratulations to all the promoted senior staff. Felicitations to the new interns and house officers that have just resumed. And congratulations to Abdullahi Abdurashied of our ICN school for winning the Best Overall Student prize at the Nursing Council Examination for Critical Care Nursing nationwide!!!

Finally, let us welcome **Professor Donald Nze**, who has joined us on Sabbatical from the University of Ilorin; **Dr. Peter Bassi**, Honorary Consultant (Infectious Disease) and **Major Aliyu Usman (Rtd)** who has resumed as the Chief Security Officer (CSO).

Meanwhile, the CMD is still not on Facebook or messenger. Beware of scammers!

Happy reading and God bless.

Isolation Complex will Be Completed on Schedule, Perm Sec.

The isolation complex being constructed by the Federal Ministry of Health at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital will be completed and put to use as scheduled.

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Alhaji Abdulaziz Abdullahi gave the assurance after visiting the project site to ascertain the level of work.

He charged the contractor, Mufo Polo Nigeria Limited, to be thorough in the execution of the project and deliver on schedule.

Alhaji Abdullahi disclosed that the Federal Ministry of Health was up-to-date in funding of the project adding that there was no reason for the project not to be delivered as agreed.

Appreciating the Permanent Secretary for the commitment and assurances, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele said the Management of the hospital was open for more projects adding that

the hospital was blessed with more land space for development.

The isolation complex being constructed under the supervision of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control has apartments for high and low risk clients and are further divided into male, female and children's wards with provisions for

dialysis, intensive care and theatre. Present at the event were top officials of the Federal Ministry of Health, Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and the Director General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Chikwe Ihekawazu. ■



3rd from Right: Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Alhaji Abdulaziz Marshi Abdullahi having on the site discussion with the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and other senior staff of the Ministry. The Director of Hospital Services, Dr. Joe Amedu, mni and the Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Chikwe Ihekawazu, first from right, look on.

Re-accreditation is an Opportunity to Improve Service Delivery, CMD

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah

Ekele says the re-accreditation going on in the various departments of the hospital was an

opportunity for Management to improve on service delivery to all classes of clients.

He stated this while receiving a three-man team of the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria on a re-accreditation visit to the Department of Radiology.

He said such a periodic visit was essential for institutional self-valuation and filling of identified gaps for enhanced healthcare delivery.

Professor Ekele thanked the College for accepting to undertake the exercise which he said was also critical to the training of post graduate medical doctors.

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Seated Middle: The CMD, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and the Team leader, Dr. Adekunle Adeyomowe (Seated 4th from left) in a group photograph with other members of the accreditation team and Consultants of the Department of Radiology.

Board Approves Promotion of 129 Senior Staff, Calls for Higher Commitment to Duty

The Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has approved the promotion of One hundred and twenty-nine senior staff under the 2019 promotion exercise with a call for higher commitment to duty.

The Secretary of the Board and Director of Administration, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo in separate letters to the promoted staff, said the promotion was in

recognition of hard work, loyalty, dedication to duty and passing the prescribed examination.

"Management trusts that you will be able to shoulder effectively the increased responsibilities attached to your new status and to maintain the very high standard of efficiency and integrity expected of you," she added.

Below is the breakdown of the promoted staff:



Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo,
Secretary, Board of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

NURSING

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Rose H. Musa	Deputy Director
2	Joy A. Egbunu	Deputy Director
3	Comfort U. Alu	Deputy Director
4	Margaret Katuka	Assistant Director
5	Cecilia Odaudu	Assistant Director
6	Ronald P. Banwat	Assistant Director
7	Philomina Yahaya	Assistant Director
8	Iniobong E. J. Akpan	Assistant Director
9	Mary I. Akor	Assistant Director
10	Gwamade E. Nathan	Assistant Director
11	Cordelia I. Ike-Nwaobilo	Assistant Director
12	Fatima Abdullahi	Assistant Director
13	Rachel F. Adebayo	Assistant Director
14	Jaafaru Obadaki	Chief Nursing Officer
15	Helen N. Osademe	Chief Nursing Officer
16	Hassana Salihu	Chief Nursing Officer
17	Donaris N. Yusuf	Chief Nursing Officer
18	Linda I. Abbe	Chief Nursing Officer
19	Aisha A. Salihu	Chief Nursing Officer
20	Adefunke I. Babatunde	Chief Nursing Officer
21	Saratu O. Ogunnubi	Chief Nursing Officer
22	Binven B. Bongnim	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
23	Oluwakemi Ayegboka	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
24	Mercy O. Amana	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
25	Mogbonjubola Fadeyi	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
26	Andrew Bedang	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
27	Mary S. Edet	Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
28	Omolara C. Ademola	Principal Nursing Officer
29	Grace O. Ikusagba	Senior Nursing Officer
30	Lydia O. Adewuyi	Senior Nursing Officer
31	Idris H. Yakubu	Senior Nursing Officer
32	Simeon C. Usman	Senior Nursing Officer
33	Gloria F. Oke	Senior Nursing Officer
34	Adesola B. Adedapo	Senior Nursing Officer
35	Serifat E. Olalere	Nursing Officer I

36	Joy T. Opadola	Nursing Officer I
37	Maureen U. Okafor	Nursing Officer I
38	Christiana G. Isah	Nursing Officer I
39	Rosemary O. Ugwo	Nursing Officer I
40	Jennifer C. Egbe	Nursing Officer Is

LIBRARY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Immaculata Akanno	Deputy Director

MEDICAL SOCIAL WELFARE

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Ringmicit Ibrahim	Assistant Chief Social Welfare Officer
2	Adejoke Kayode-Daniels	Senior Assistant Social Welfare Officer I
3	Theresa O. Francis	Chief Assistant Social Welfare Officer

DIETETICS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	David Idenyi	Senior Scientific Officer (Dietetics)

WORKS & ENGINEERING

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Mabas B. Mangut	Assistant Director
2	Muhammed Abdulrahman	Chief Technical Officer (Electrical)
3	Mohammed D. Jibrin	Higher Technical Officer (Electrical)
4	Babatetengi Abdullahi	Principal Technical Officer II (Biomed)
5	Douglas B. Dogara	Senior Technical Officer (Biomed)
6	Ezra Ali	Chief Health Assistant (Biomed)
7	Victor Sunmonu	Principal Technical Officer II (Mech)

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Lucy Ochepe	Assistant Director
2	Musa Dala Mamman	Chief Accountant
3	Ruth F. Ominu	Assistant Chief Accountant
4	Peter Yakubu	Principal Accountant
5	Hajara M. Abu	Senior Accountant
6	Jacob Bako	Senior Accountant
7	Henrietta Eneh	Accountant I

FINANCE/ACCOUNTS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
8	Philip D. Alkali	Chief Executive Officer
9	Lawal A. Tijani	Chief Executive Officer
10	Jonah Chom	Chief Executive Officer
11	Godwin Christopher	Chief Executive Officer
12	Hope N. Ajibade	Chief Executive Officer
13	Adamu Ndaisah	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
14	Dokochi A. Baba	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
15	Saidu A. Ahmed	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
16	Hussaina A. Mohammed	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
17	Charity Wada	Principal Executive Officer II
18	Ndagi A. Audu	Principal Executive Officer II

MEDICAL DOCTORS

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Dr. Benjamin H. Nongo	Consultant Special Grade I
2	Dr. George O. Illah	Consultant Special Grade I
3	Dr. Olabisi O. Osagie	Consultant Special Grade I
4	Dr. Pius I. Ogolekwu	Consultant Special Grade II
5	Dr. Joel M. Abu	Consultant Special Grade II
6	Dr. Chinedu Anomah	Chief Medical Officer
7	Dr. Shuaibu J. Oche	Chief Medical Officer
8	Dr. Dominic Kaura	Chief Medical Officer
9	Dr. Usman Galadima	Principal Medical Officer I
10	Dr. Rotimi S. Owolabi	Principal Medical Officer II

DENTAL

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Obiora S. Omeje	Principal Dental Therapist

COMMUNITY MEDICINE

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Nabillah A. Musa	Senior Environmental Officer

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Veronica A. M. Umoh	Assistant Director
2	Lami Agbaji	Asst. Chief Health Information Technician
3	Henry M. Kumai	Principal Health Information Technician
4	Ramnap N. Lamda	Chief Statistical Officer

LABORATORY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Haruna Ishaku	Deputy Director
2	Georgina Duru	Deputy Director
3	Mariam O. Ahmed	Principal Medical Laboratory Technician
4	Veronica Kumleng	Senior Medical Laboratory Technician
5	Danladi Takai	Senior Medical Laboratory Technician
6	Gabriel Obetule	Chief Med. Lab. Assistant

PHARMACY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Timothy T. Vwandum	Deputy Director
2	Afiku A. Sardauna	Deputy Director
3	Yunusa Zubairu	Principal Pharmacist
4	Jameela B. Danladi	Principal Pharmacist
5	Bello O. Bushra	Principal Pharmacist

PHYSIOTHERAPY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Emmanuel Aliyu	Chief Physiotherapist

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Ishaku Ali	Assistant Director
2	Nanle O. Rindan	Assistant Chief Psychologist
3	Job O. Akowe	Senior Psychologist

ADMINISTRATION

S/N	NAMES	PROMOTED RANK
1	Yusuf Hassan	Assistant Director
2	Eunice M. Swam	Assistant Director
3	Jonathan Muru	Chief State Counsel
4	Jamila H. Sabo	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
5	Ponzing Nden	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
6	Rebecca Aba	Principal Administrative Officer
7	Patience N. Okosun	Senior Administrative Officer
8	Olusegun Jacob	Administrative Officer I
9	Laiatu Kalat	Chief Executive Officer
10	Zainab Shuaibu	Chief Executive Officer
11	Iliya K. Wodi	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
12	Isa Adamu	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
13	Birmiya Nyagarga	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
14	Yusuf Bawa	Principal Executive Officer I
15	David Daniel	Principal Executive Officer I
16	Habu Sulai	Principal Executive Officer I
17	Mariam L. Musa	Principal Executive Officer I
18	Safia Abdullahi	Principal Executive Officer II
19	Ibrahim M. Yahaya	Principal Executive Officer II
20	Christiana Onuche	Higher Executive Officer
21	Joseph Ebiloma	Principal Executive Officer II (Info.)
22	Onokus T. Sule	Higher Executive Officer (Graphics)
23	Regina B. Nyamzi	Chief Confidential Secretary
24	Regina T. Max-Egba	Chief Confidential Secretary
25	Elizabeth Jotirin	Assistant Chief Confidential Secretary
26	Aisha Sani	Assistant Chief Confidential Secretary
27	Rose U. F. Paul	Principal Confidential Secretary I
28	Salamatu P. Peter	Confidential Secretary I

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Earlier, the team leader, Dr. Adekunle Adeyomowe had commended the Chief Medical Director and Management of the hospital for maintaining a clean

hospital environment. "Even before we start, I must say we are impressed with the cleanliness and orderliness of the hospital," he said. Dr. Adekunle said the purpose of the re-accreditation was to ensure that

standards for training of Resident Doctors and healthcare delivery in the hospital were not compromised. Other members of the team were Professor Mohammed Maji and Dr. Nicholas Irurhe. ■

Push for Increased Funding for Health, CMD tells Reps

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele has appealed to the House of Representatives' Committee on health to, as a matter of urgency, push for increased funding of the health sector.

This, he said, is with a view to expanding the scope of health care delivery and meeting the many health needs of Nigerians.

Professor Ekele made the appeal when he played host to the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Tanko Sununu Yusuf in his office.

He said the country was highly endowed with the right calibre of professionals and that what was in short supply was the enabling environment to operate.

Professor Ekele noted that with the right environment, capital flight due to medical tourism would be highly

reduced.

Earlier, the Chairman, House Committee on Health, Hon. Tanko Sununu said his visit was to interact with the Chief Medical Director who was not only his professional

mentor but also a key player in the health sector.

He gave an assurance that the House Committee on health would deliver on its mandates to Nigerians ■



Left: Chairman, House Committee on Healthcare Services, Hon. Tanko Sununu Yusuf, Chief Medical Director, Professor Bisallah Ekele, during the visit on the Chief Medical Director.

UATH to Become Role Model in Disease Control

The Program Director, United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Nigeria, Dr. Daniel Duvall says the centre's collaboration with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital is targeted at making the hospital a model in disease prevention and control in Nigeria.

Dr. Duvall stated this when he led a team of the centre from Atlanta to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. He said the process would involve the promotion of hand hygiene which has become a policy in the hospital and prompt disposal of hazardous wastes..

Also speaking, an Epidemiologist,

Paul Malpiedi from the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said he was glad to be representing the Centre in the collaboration and promised to deliver on the mandate of the centre.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele who was represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, said the Management was excited about the collaboration and pledged the commitment of the Management for the success of the project.

The team, made up of the Programme Coordinator, Nigeria Infection Prevention and Control, Dr. Tochi Okeke was conducted round the hospital by the Chairman of the hospital's Infection Prevention and Disease Control Committee, Dr. Yunusa Thairu. ■



From Left: Dr. Paul Malpiedi of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and Dr. Daniel Duvall, Program Director (Nigeria) United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention during the visit.

Panel Commends Management on Rural Clinical Posting

A four-man panel of the Faculty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the West African College of Surgeons has commended the rural clinical posting policy of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at the Kwali General Hospital, describing it as a model for other teaching hospitals in the country to emulate. The team, which was on a re-

accreditation visit to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, said it was pleased with the scope of activities at the Kwali General hospital where the Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital currently runs its rural clinical posting programme.

Leader of the team, Professor Joseph Ikechebelu stated this while

briefing the Chief Medical Director of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele at the end of the re-accreditation exercise.

He said the panelists were also pleased with the cleanliness of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and charged the Management to keep up the good work. "We took particular note of the cleanliness of your hospital, we are impressed and we encourage you to keep it up," he said.

Professor Ikechebelu said the essence of the re-accreditation was to appreciate the areas of strength and correct areas of shortcomings in the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele thanked the panelists for their comments which he said would encourage the Management to do more.

He gave an assurance that areas needing more attention would be attended to without delay. ■



Right: Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele in a hand shake with Prof. Ali Samba after a group photograph with the Panelists and Consultants in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Exclusive Breastfeeding Requires Family and Community Support, Prof. Airede

A professor of Perinatal-Neonatal Medicine and Paediatrics at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Kareem Airede has called for family and community support for mothers practising exclusive breastfeeding in view of its inherent benefits to the new born, mother and the society.

Prof. Airede made the call in a lecture titled: "Supporting the Breast feeding Mother" he delivered at the 2019 World Breastfeeding Week celebration by the Department of Paediatrics of the University of Abuja Teaching

Hospital.

He said breast milk has been classified as food because it does not require universal precautions for handling body fluids.

Prof. Airede held that everything in breast milk comes from the mother's body and already custom-made for her baby's needs adding that, this not only saves money for the family but also strengthens the bond between the baby and the mother.

The Professor noted that breastfed children come out healthier and with high reduction in morbidity and mortality. "Breastfeeding is

best for growing infants for the first six months," he added.

Prof. Airede called for a policy that would promote work schedule flexibility for breastfeeding mothers as this would also enhance productivity in the work place of mothers and reduce huge loss in work hour.

He appealed to the mass media to portray breastfeeding as a norm while employers of labour should provide space and time to accommodate milk expression.

Earlier in an address of welcome, the Head, Department of Paediatrics, University of Abuja

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Health Care Needs Quality Laboratory Diagnosis, Dr. Onyeaghala

Medical Laboratory Scientists have been charged to constantly work towards improving the quality of laboratory diagnosis with a view to obtaining better health indices for everyone and the nation in general.

Dr. Augustine Onyeaghala of the Department of Medical Science, University of Ibadan gave the charge in a paper at the 7th annual Scientific Workshop of the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Chapter.

In the paper titled: "Practical and Translational Approach for Improving Quality Laboratory Operations," Dr. Onyeaghala said training, re-training

and mentorship were key in the drive for excellence in laboratory diagnosis.

He said one of the challenges in Medical Laboratory Science was the lack of mentor-mentee relationship adding that one of the good qualities of any profession is the ability to mentor and grow younger ones.

Dr. Onyeaghala appealed to managements of the nation's health care facilities to develop institutional strategic plans that would strengthen laboratory systems in the country.

He argued that, to achieve any meaningful health system strengthening, the laboratory remained a critical area as it has the greatest impact on public health

outcomes.

Declaring the workshop open, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele commended the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists for putting such an annual event, capable of stimulating capacity building that would improve the quality of services to client, together. While assuring the Scientists of Management's support of similar initiatives, the Chief Medical Director enjoined them to always make the patient the focus of their activities.

Earlier in an address of welcome, Chairman of the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Chapter, Mr. Ochapa Abraham decried the declining space for Medical Laboratory Scientists and practitioners in government health care institutions describing it as a grave danger to health care delivery. He enjoined the workshop participants to join expertise and work for the good of patients.

Mr. Abraham expressed gratitude to the Chief Medical Director and Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for providing Medical Laboratory Scientists in the hospital the enabling platform to actualise their dreams. ■



Mr. Ochapa Abraham, Chairman, Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Chapter delivering his address of welcome at the 7th Annual Scientific Workshop of the Association.

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Teaching Hospital, Dr. Richard Onalo thanked the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele and the Top Management Committee of the Hospital for supporting the department in the preparations preceeding the breastfeeding week celebration.

He appealed to mothers to undertake six months and if possible, more of exclusive breastfeeding of their new born as it was good for the health of both babies and mothers.

The theme of the celebration was: "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding." The celebration also

featured, a playlet to drive home the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding, by students of the

Federal Capital Territory School of Nursing, Gwagwalada. ■



1st from left: Dr. Richard Onalo, Head, Department of Peadiatrics, Prof. Kareem Airede, Prof. W. Ogala, Dr. Kudirat Olateju and two others applauding the session.

We will Not Condone Truancy, Management

Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has warned that it would not take kindly to truancy, unauthorised travels, absenteeism and general lackadaisical approach to duty by any of its recently engaged house officers and interns.

Chief Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele handed down the warning at an interactive session to welcome them to the Hospital Community.

"While I welcome you, it is also important that I caution on the possible pitfalls that can either terminate or negatively delay completion of your one- year mandatory internship here," he said. He charged them to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate of their professional callings. "Conduct yourselves in a refined manner, work with passion, appear neat and above all, make humility, honesty and hardwork your

principles," he added. Also speaking, the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the Hospital, Dr. Nicholas Baamong charged the house officers and interns to apply themselves adequately to the one-year programme as it would be a vigorous one, requiring commitment and dedication.

In a remark, the Deputy Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee in charge of Training and Research, Dr. Kudirat Olateju enjoined them to justify their selection through a very competitive screening by applying

more of their time to the training. Speaking through an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Administration, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo advised them to be guided throughout the period of the internship and house job by the provisions of the civil service.

Responding on behalf of the interns and house officers, Mr. Gospel Precious and Dr. Christian Agulanna assured the Management that they would justify the confidence reposed in them throughout the one-year programme ▢



Standing: Mr. Gospel Precious making a remark on behalf of the interns.

Health Information Officers' Council Applauds UATH on Computerisation

The Registrar, Health information Officers' Registration Council of Nigeria, Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim has commended the Management of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for the computerization of its Health Information Department.

Alhaji Ibrahim gave the commendation when he led members of the Council on a visit to the

hospital. He said the Council was particularly happy over the development and also commended the team spirit among professionals in hospital.

The Registrar appealed to the Chief Medical Director to consider establishing a School of Health Information to cater for the needs of Health Information Officers in the northern part of the country.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele said the Management remained committed to making health care delivery to clients as humane as possible.

He said the computerization of the Health Information management Department was part of Management's effort at ensuring that clients waiting time in the hospital was drastically reduced.

Professor Ekele charged staff of the department to rise to the challenge of computerization as more services in the hospital would soon be computerized.

On the establishment of a School of Health Information Management, the Chief Medical Director said this would depend on the availability of funds.

The Registrar and members of the Council were conducted round the Department of Health Information Management by the Head of the Department, Mrs. Veronica Umoh ▢



Right: The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele welcoming the Registrar, Health Information Officers' Registration Council of Nigeria, Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim and members of the Board of the Council to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

Mr. Onyeka takes Over as Mrs. Wonder Retires as Coordinator MLS

Medical Laboratory Scientists, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital now have a new Co-ordinator. He is Mr. Paul Onyeka. He succeeds Mrs. Rose Yakubu Wonder who retired recently after the mandatory years allowed in the civil service.

At the handing and taking over ceremony in the office of the Director of Administration, Mrs. Modupe Khadijat Adebajo, the out-going Co-ordinator, Mrs. Yakubu Wonder expressed gratitude to the Chief Medical Director and Members of Top Management Committee of the Hospital for the opportunity to serve.

Highlighting the successes and challenges in the laboratories during her tenure, Mrs. Wonder said despite the challenges, the resilience of the scientists was quite commendable.

"I am happy that I am handing over successfully. I wish my successor, Mr. Paul Onyeka all the best. With the Management support, I believe he will

do well," she said.

While accepting the hand over note from his predecessor, Mr. Onyeka said he was grateful to Management for finding him worthy to succeed Mrs

Wonder as Co-ordinator.

"I appreciate the good work you started and I promise to build on it." He added. ■



Left: Immediate past Co-ordinator, MLS, Mrs. Rose Yakubu Wonder handing over to Mr. Paul Onyeka.

Dr. Abubakar Retires, Calls for Respect to Constituted Authorities

Former head, Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Muhyi Abubakar has been described as a good planner, teacher, father and a principled man who is selfless in service to humanity. These were the attributes by Speakers at a valedictory session in honour of Dr. Abubakar who retired recently from the services of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital as Consultant Surgeon, Orthopaedic and Trauma.

The Chief Medical Director of the

Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele described Dr. Abubakar as a hardworking and reliable staff who gave so much of his time to the system and humanity.

He said Dr. Abubakar would be greatly missed not only by the Management of the hospital but also by those whose lives he had touched. While wishing Dr. Abubakar peaceful retirement, the Chief Medical Director, charged staff of the department not to allow the skills he impacted on them to be lost on the sand of time.

Also speaking, the Head of Department of Surgery, Professor James Chinda said by his close relationship with Dr. Abubakar, he knew him as a man who had long prepared for his retirement which was inevitable in public service.

Earlier, the Head of Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma, Dr. Tom Sough said Dr. Abubakar was instrumental to the many successes so far recorded in the department.

Responding, Dr. Muhyi Abubakar thanked all for the encomium which he said, had given him the opportunity to reflect on his past.

He called on the Management of the hospital to, as a matter of urgency, promote departmental yearly review which he said would reveal strengths and weaknesses, as well as promote the growth and development of the hospital.

Dr. Abubakar appealed to his colleagues to always work as a team and co-operate with the leadership for the attainment of the vision and mission statements of the hospital. ■



Dr. Muhyi Abubakar speaking during the Valedictory session held in his honour by the Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma.



Left: Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Alhaji Abdullahi being received by the Chief Medical Director, UATH, Professor Bissallah Ekele during the Permanent Secretary's visit to the Hospital.



Left to Right: Chief Medical Director, UATH, Professor Bissallah Ekele; Former Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Professor Sunday Adelabu and Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, UATH, Dr. Nicholas Baamong when Professor Adelabu visited the Hospital



Left: Chairman, House Committee on Health, Hon. Tanko Sununu Yusuf, Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele and Professor Francis Faduyile, President, Nigerian Medical Association during the visit to the Chief Medical Director.



From left: Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele; former Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Prof. Nuhu Yaqub and Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, UATH, Dr. Nicholas Baamong when the former Vice Chancellor visited the Hospital.



From Left: Professor Joseph Seffah, Dr. Constance Shehu, Dr. Teddy Agida, (HOD, Oand G Dept, UATH), Professor Joseph Ikechbelu (Team leader) and Dr. Ali Samba on the occasion of the accreditation visit of the Faculty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, West African College of Surgeons.



4th from left is CMAC, UATH, Dr. Nicholas Baamong when he played host on behalf of the CMD to a team of disease control experts from the United States of America and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. 2nd left is the Country Program Director, United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Daniel Duvall.



Members of the Top Management Committee led by the CMD, Prof. Bissallah Ekele after planting a royal palm tree to commemorate the acquisition of the Right of Occupancy to the hospital land. Leaderships of JOHESU, Medical and Dental Consultants' Association and the Association of Resident Doctors also planted royal palm trees at the event.



4th from Left sitting: CMD, UATH, Professor Bissallah Ekele with the Accreditation panel of the West African College of Physicians led by Prof. S. Quayson during a visit to UATH, for the purpose of accreditation for postgraduate training in Laboratory Medicine.



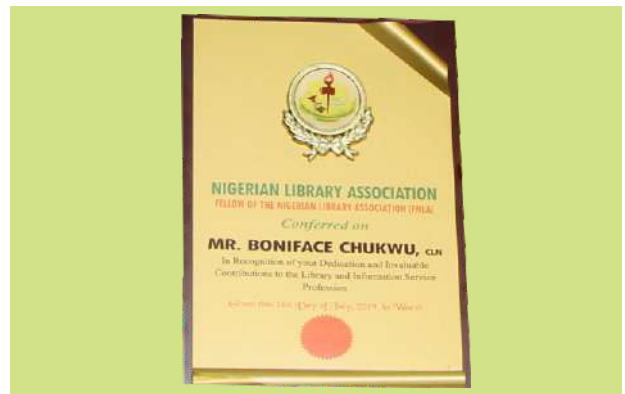
2nd from left; Dr. Muhyi Abubakar, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, receiving a merit award from the CMD, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele during a valedictory session organised by the Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma to mark his retirement from service.



Mr. Boniface Chukwu, Assistant Director, Library, UATH receiving an award of the Fellowship of the Nigerian Library Association from Head, Department of Medical Library, UATH, Mrs. Mary Badu. The award was in recognition of his dedication and invaluable contributions to the library and information service profession.



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In Warri, Delta State. Mr. Boniface Chukwu, Assistant Director, Library, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital was honoured for his contributions to the library and information service profession.

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With total submission to the will of Almighty God, the Management and Staff announce the glorious exit of Mrs. Rhoda Abbas, Principal Health Record Clerk on 12th August, 2019 at the age of 52 years. May her soul rest in peace, Amen.

QUOTE:

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Nelson Mandela

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