

2023 ANNUAL LECTURE & INDUCTION CEREMONY

Theme

Enhancing the
Healthcare
Workforce in Nigeria
in the Presence
of the Changing
Demographics

Topic

Interprofessional Relationships In The Health Sector

Lecturer

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- VENUE: Reiz Continental Hotel
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- DATE: THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2023.
- **TIME:** 9.00am

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Certificate of Incorporation

I hereby certify that

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is this day incorporated under the COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 1990 and that the Company is Limited By Guarantee.

Given under my hand at Abuja this 17th day of May, 2019.



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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labours of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain.
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause;
Guide thou our leaders right,
Help our Youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice
Shall reign.

THE NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria, my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her Unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

ABOUT THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

Nigerian Academy of Medicine is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission as a non governmental organization limited by guarantee with registration number RC 1586058. The academy aims to serve as an independent, dynamic and innovative national resource of excellence and expertise in medical sciences and healthcare.

The registered office is at the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria Complex, Plot 1102, Cadastral Zone B11, Off Oladipo Diya Road, Behind Prince and Princess Estate, Kaura District, Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

OBJECTIVES OF THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

The objectives of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine are:

- a. To promote the knowledge of Medical Sciences in Nigeria and its practical application to problems of national welfare.
- b. To promote excellence by the recognition and encouragement of merit in all branches of Medical Sciences.
- c. To secure co-ordination between medical and other scientific academies, societies, associations, institutions and Government medical and scientific departments and services.
- d. To seek help and co-operation of international agencies and national bodies of other countries.
- e. To act through properly constituted National Committees for medical scientific subjects for undertaking research work of national and international importance and thereby nurturing the next generation of medical researchers
- To publish such proceedings, journals, memoirs, transactions and other publications as may be
- To Influence national policies to improve health and economic well-being.
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 h. To secure and manage funds and endowments for the promotion of objectives of the Academy. To undertake any other steps that maybe necessary for the fulfillment of the above mentioned aims and objectives of the Academy.

FUNCTIONS OF THE ACADEMY

- a. To recognize and encourage merit in all branches of bio-medical and allied sciences and to confer distinctions, awards and such honours on Fellows/Officers and others, commensurate with their achievements.
- b. To seek the cooperation of and coordination with other biomedical and scientific academies, institutions, societies and associations as well as government bio-medical and scientific departments and services in Nigeria and abroad.
- c. To undertake bio-medical scientific research of national and international importance and to assist the Government of Nigeria and its agencies in developing policies and programmes on biomedical and public health issues.
- d. To publish proceedings, journals, monographs, transactions, reports and other material as and when necessary.
- e. To establish, promote and maintain a liaison between bio-medical sciences and other disciplines.
- To secure and manage funds, endowments, and properties, for the promotion of the objectives and for carrying out the functions of the Academy.
- To take all possible steps to attain uniformly high standards of medical education, postgraduate medical examinations and medical practice in Nigeria.
- h. To undertake any other steps considered necessary for the fulfillment of the above mentioned functions of the Academy.
- To amend rules, regulations, and bye-laws as and when considered necessary.

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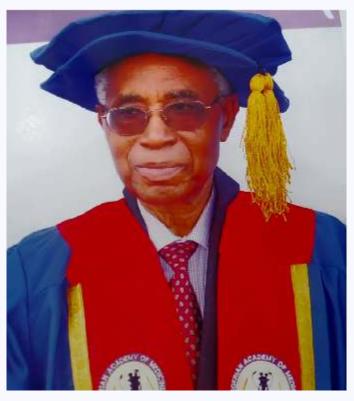
Programme for the 2023 ANNUAL LECTURE AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

| Sequence | Time | Activity | | |
|---|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Day 1 – Wednesday 25 th October 2023 | | | | |
| 1 | 10am onwards | Arrivals | | |
| 2 | 6.00pm to 7.30pm | Council Meeting | | |
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| Day 2 – Thursday 26 th October 2023 | | | | |
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| 1 | 9.00 – 9.45 am | Registration starts: | | |
| | | Tea/coffee will be served 8.30 to 9.30am | | |
| 2 | 9.00-9.45 | Introduction of guests as they arrive | | |
| 3 | 10.00 am | Academic Procession | | |
| 4 | 10.05 am | National Anthem | | |
| 5 | 10.10 am | Opening Address by President – Emeritus Professor S. C. | | |
| | | Ohaegbulam, NNOM, FNAMed | | |
| 6 | 10.25am | Goodwill messages | | |
| 7 | 10.40 to 11.05 am | Induction of New Fellows | | |
| 8 | 11.10am | Congratulatory message – Chairman BoT Professor T | | |
| | | Odugbemi NNOM, FNAMed | | |
| 9 | 11.15am | Citation of the Lecturer, Professor Isaac F. Adewole, FAS | | |
| | | FSPSP, FRCOG, DSc. (Hon.), FNAMed. | | |
| | | by Dr Fatima Kyari FNAMed. | | |
| 10 | 11.25 am - 12.10 pm | Lecture on "Interprofessional relationships in the health | | |
| | | sector" | | |
| 11 | 12.10-12.20pm | Vote of Thanks by Secretary of the Academy - Prof. | | |
| | | Oluwole A. Atoyebi, FNAMed. | | |
| 12 | 12.25 to 12.30 pm | Academic Recession | | |
| 13 | 12.30 - 1.00pm | Photo session | | |
| 14 | 1.00pm to 2.30pm | Lunch for paid fellows and invited guests | | |
| 15 | 2.30pm | General Assembly | | |
| 16 | 3.30pm | Closing | | |

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OPENING SPEECH BY THE NAMED PRESIDENT

EMERITUS PROFESSOR SAMUEL C. OHAEGBULAM,NNOM. FNAMED ON 27^{TH} OCTOBER 2023



PROTOCOL

It is hard to imagine that one year has passed since the esteemed BOT of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine handed over the mantle of office to the first elected Council. We will continue to eulogize the fantastic pioneering role of the BOT ably led by the distinguished Chairman Prof FNAMed, NNOM and Odugbemi Foundation Fellows for their vision and establishing the Nigerian in Academy of Medicine. The other Academies beat us to it, but we thank God that we finally made it.

The early years of the Academy were negatively affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. After emerging from that disaster, we entered another period of political hurricane characterized by violent campaigns, insecurity, economic woes and

finally election disputes that have dominated our discussions, actions and truncated our progress. It is so humiliating and tragic that the precious time our nation could have invested in growth and development is wasted in preventable disputes. Ultimately, the masses are the victims.

NAMED has also been traumatized by the death of two Foundation Fellows in 2023. Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs who delivered the memorable 2022 Annual Lecture of the Academy sadly joined our ancestors earlier this year. We have now been confronted with yet another blow in the person of Emeritus Professor Umaru Shehu whose demise was announced this month. May their souls rest in Perfect peace. Our Academy will always remember them and their contributions to the birth and growth of the Academy.

The Academy has continued to grow from strength to strength. The nomination, screening, and selection of the new Fellows to be inducted today were executed strictly adhering to the provisions of our MOA. We congratulate all the successful candidates and appeal to them to join with passion and dedication so that the Academy would achieve the vision of advancing healthcare in Nigeria.

The new Council had financial constraints, and the plan to improve the finances of the Academy has not achieved the expected results. All the Council meetings held so far were by ZOOM to save costs. The Webinar Committee under the able chairmanship of Professor Ogunbodede Eyitope, has performed fantastically well and has mapped out the plan for 12 months that covers many aspects of healthcare. We hope that Fellows would join in future ZOOM Meetings to justify all the efforts of the Committee and the guest speakers.

The Academy has successfully published the third edition of the Journal (JNAM). We congratulate the Editor-in-Chief, Professor Stanley Anyanwu, the Editorial Board, and the Advisory Committee for their untiring efforts. We appeal to Fellows and other academics to patronize the JNAM to enhance its status and impact factor as quickly as possible. We appreciate the sacrifices of unpaid reviewers of manuscripts and plead with all of us to support the editorial board by reviewing any manuscripts sent to them promptly.

It is urgent and important to draw our attention to the following section of the Memorandum of Association of our great Academy which says:

(g) To Influence national policies to improve health and economic well-being.

With a new government at national level and in most States of the Federation, our Academy must pursue the above mandate relentlessly. Most objective experts have stated unequivocally that the major albatross of the health sector in Nigeria is inadequate funding. We keep calling on the government to increase the budget allocation and at least to fulfill the 2001 Abuja Declaration that recommended that 15% of national budget should go to health. Let us be reminded that even if the government could achieve that target, it would not solve the problem because it is still too small. The Federal budget for health is equivalent to the budget of a single hospital in developed countries. The crashed value of the Naira has further compounded the situation. It is therefore mandatory that we should pursue the internationally recognized way to fund healthcare which is compulsory health insurance. The government in Nigeria has embraced this concept and passed legislations to achieve it, but like most of our policies, implementation is too slow. It was expected that the new administration would hit the ground running on the enforcement of the health insurance, but it has not been the case. The emphasis has been shifted to other areas without recognizing that health is wealth.

The consequences of this neglect are obvious and have resulted in rising medical tourism for those who can afford it, brain drain, unemployment and decline in the quality of healthcare.

The Nigerian Academy by virtue of her unique position, the quality and status of Fellows in the society, must do everything possible to drive this project to rescue the health sector. It is futile trying to improve Primary Healthcare, Mother and Child care or Mental health and all others, if the funding is poor. We would not achieve the expected results. The fact that the Medical profession is well represented in the political appointments should help us to drive this project.

On behalf of BOT and Council of NAMed, I profoundly thank Prof Isaac F Adewole for accepting to deliver the 2023 Annual NAMed Lecture "INTERPROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR" The former Minister for Health, and former Vice Chancellor of University of Ibadan, is also a Foundation Fellow and BOT Member as well as the Chairman of the LOC for this great event.

I thank the Local Organizing Committee, ably led by Prof Adewole (President), and Prof Fatima Kyari (Secretary) for a job well done in ensuring that this event takes place despite all the challenges that tried to frustrate it.

Our gratitude also to members of the Webinar Committee ably led by Prof Ogunbodede Eyitope. Our thanks also to Development Research and Project Centre (dRPC) and Dr (General) Shina Ogunbiyi for the support now and for future Webinars.

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Nigerian Academy of Medicine will for ever remain grateful to Professor Wole Atoyebi for his untiring services to the Academy. Although the Academy has no functioning office nor paid support staff, he has continued to guarantee a transparent and efficient service for which no salary is paid.

Let me therefore appeal to Federal Government to recognize the importance of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine to the country. The Academy of Medicine is highly respected and assisted in most countries that value the importance in the development of the society. We therefore appeal to the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to allocate land for the Academy to set up a deserving office. As a temporary measure, NAMED is using the office address of the Nigerian Medical and Dental Council for which we are immensely grateful. It is now necessary for the government to help the Academy to own a permanent office and address.

Finally, I welcome all our guests to this 2023 celebration. I wish you a happy stay in Abuja and safe journey home afterwards.

May God bless you all, the Nigerian Academy of Medicine and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Samuel C. Ohaegbulam FNAMed, NNOM President, Nigerian Academy of Medicine

2023 Annual NAMed Lecturer



PROFESSOR ISAAC F. ADEWOLE

Prof. Isaac F. Adewole is a former Minister of Health, Nigeria; former Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Nigeria; and former President of Africa Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer. He is the co-founder of the African Cancer Coalition and a member of the International Taskforce on Elimination of Cervical Cancer in the Commonwealth.

Prof. Adewole is a global health expert and leader. He has led several research projects on prevention, diagnosis, and capacity building on cervical cancer in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa. He has authored more than 250 publications on topics such as cervical cancer, sexual and reproductive health and rights, abortion, HIV and Human Papillomavirus(Total Citation 18,951; h index45; i10-index 134).

He has served on several national and international organizational boards and programs on research and policy for cancer control. He was a Commissioner on the

WHO High Level Commission on NCD (2018-2019) and the Lancet Oncology Commission on Cancer Control in Sub-Sahara Africa. He is also a member UNESCO/UNFPA sponsored High Level Committee on West and Central Africa (WCA) Commitment for educated, healthy and thriving adolescents and young people. Currently, he is involved with reviewing the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Harmonized Cancer Treatment Guidelines for Sub-Saharan Africa and currently serving on the Lancet Commission on Cancer and Health systems.

Professor Isaac Adewole is a Professor at the College of Medicine of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria since 1997. He is currently a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan. He is also an adjunct Professor at Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

He attended Ilesa Grammar School, Ilesa from 1966-1972 having received Grade 1 with Distinction at West African School Certificate Examination in 1970 and AAC at Higher School Certificate Examination in 1972 respectively. He enrolled as a National Award Scholar at the University of Ibadan in 1973 and obtained his MB BS degree from the University in 1978 with the Glaxo Allenbury prize for the best performance in Paediatrics. He joined the services of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as a Senior House Officer in 1981 and underwent further medical training to become a Senior Registrar in the Department in 1984. He then travelled to the UK for a Research Fellowship in the Department of Medical Oncology at Charring Cross Hospital in London. Professor Adewole was appointed Lecturer I at the College of Medicine in the University of Ibadan in 1989. He was promoted Senior Lecturer in 1992 and Professor in 1997. He was Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences & Dentistry (2000 – 2002), before becoming a Provost of the College of Medicine from 2002 to 2006.

He was Secretary-General and President of the National Association of Resident Doctors of Nigeria(NARD) in 1982-1984 as well as Secretary-General of Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) 1991-1993 as well as Assistant Secretary of Confederation of African Medical Associations and Societies (CAMAS) 1993-1995.

Professor Adewole was a co-Principal Investigator of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative in Nigeria (MEPIN) and Principal Investigator of the Harvard US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) (APIN Plus) Programme. He served as Chair of the National Task team on Prevention of Mother to Child Transfer (PMTCT) of HIV. He was the country's Principal Investigator for 'Operation Stop Cervical Cancer' in Nigeria. Professor Adewole holds the membership of many learned societies, such as the Society of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of Nigeria; International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO); International AIDS Society (IAS); the European Research Organization on Genital Infection and Neoplasia (EUROGIN); the International Gynaecological Cancer Society (IGCS) and the African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC).

Professor Adewole is a leading advocate of nationwide access to cervical screening and has extensive management experience at both national and international levels. He is actively involved in research and advocacy work on Cervical Cancer and HIV and AIDS. He has been an external examiner in Obstetrics and Gynaecology to seven Nigerian Universities, the National Postgraduate Medical College as well as the West African College of surgeons. He is a professorial assessor to many Universities in Africa and USA.

He has delivered many guest lectures, numerous communications at scientific conferences, abstracts and poster presentations. A widely travelled man, he has attended over 270 national and international scientific conferences and workshops. He is the Guttmacher Institute's 2008 Bixby Leadership Fellow in Reproductive Health, and the former Chair of the sub-Saharan African Cervical Cancer Working Group (CCWG). He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the IPPF and Chair of the Governing Board of the SEMA-Reproductive Health. He is a Patron of the Boys Brigade of Nigeria. He was awarded the Order of Rising Star, Gold and Silver Star of Japan by Emperor Naruhito in recognition of his performance as Minister of health and for promoting closer Japanese-Nigerian relationship in 2020. He is the pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council of University of Ilesa.

Professor Adewole is happily married with children and has grandchildren.

NEW FELLOWS - BATCH 2023



Professor Bernice O. ADEGBEHINGBE

Consultant Ophthalmologist, Head of Department of Ophthalmology and Glaucoma Services, Immediate Past Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and a member of Governing Council of Anchor University, Lagos.

She obtained B.Sc. Honors and MBChB (Ife), DORCPS (Ireland), MSc. Ophthal (Bristol, UK), MD, FWACS, FMCOphth, FICO and FICS. She had won many international grants and fellowships including Clinical Fellowship at Bath Royal United Hospital and Bristol Eye Hospital, UK, and University of Tunis Hospital, Department of Ophthalmology during her postgraduate training. An astute clinician, researcher and member of many international societies and organizations.

Professor Ebunoluwa Aderonke ADEJUYIGBE

A Paediatrician who works at the Obafemi Awolowo University and Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex, Ile-Ife. She has served in various capacities both nationally and internationally including as Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences. She is currently the Vice-President of the African Society of Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Co-Chair of the National Child Health Technical Working Committee.

She has been involved in multicountry collaborative studies which have led to global paradigm-shifting guidelines resulting in improvement in neonatal and child health. She is currently the Principal Investigator for several World Health Organization coordinated studies and has over 100 publications.





Professor Bosede Bukola AFOLABI

Is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the College of Medicine, University of Lagos. She is a maternal medicine expert and has a D.M. from the University of Nottingham, UK., is internationally recognized for her research and clinical care in sicklecell and anaemia in pregnancy. She is a fellow of the Academy of Medicine Specialties of Nigeria and lead investigator of several research projects including clinical trials and implementation science with grants from TETFund, NIH, USA and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, amongst others.

She is the President of the Association of Fetomaternal Medicine Specialists of Nigeria, the Director of the Centre for Clinical Trials and Implementation Science, University of Lagos and a 2023 Goalkeeper at the UN General Assembly.

Professor Ayodeji O. Johnson AGBOOLA

Is a Professor of Cancer Pathology had his higher education at Ogun State University (now Olabisi Onabanjo University) where he obtained M.B. Ch. B degree and did his mandatory housemanship at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu and got fully registered with the Medical and D e n t a 1 C o u n c i 1 o f Nigeria (MDCN).

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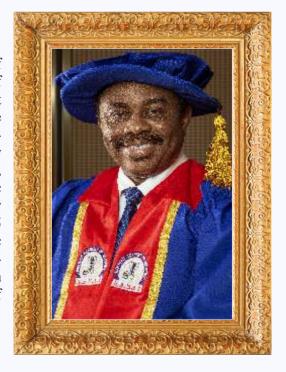
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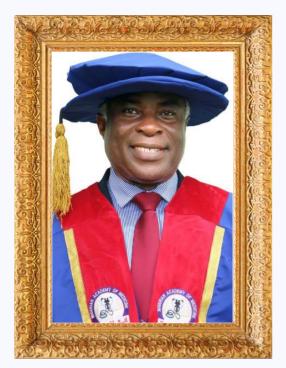
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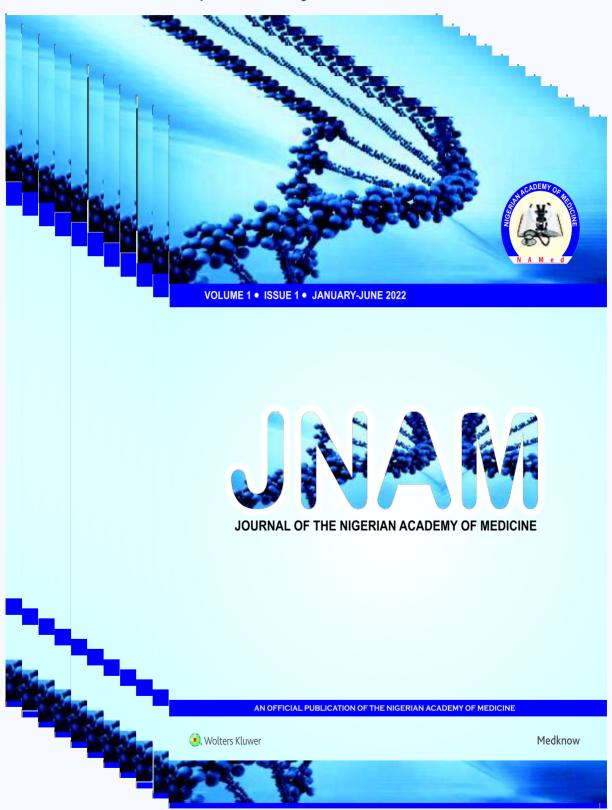


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