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## UATH SEPARATES CONJOINED TWINS

The University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has successfully carried out the separation of conjoined twins, the first of such medical feat in the history of the hospital.

Breaking the news, the Chief Medical Director of the Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele said the conjoined twins delivered at a private hospital in Gwagwalada were referred to the Teaching Hospital for specialist care on June

11, 2018.

He said the team of doctors, nurses and other support staff involved in the separation of the conjoined babies on October 29, 2018 was led by Dr. Samson Olori, a Consultant Paediatric Surgeon. Professor Ekele disclosed that the hospital absorbed the surgery bill for being the first conjoined to be separated in the hospital and as part of the hospital's Corporate Social Responsibility.

He said the hospital was being repositioned for excellence in healthcare delivery and more of this feat, given the enabling environment, were possible in this hospital.

Speaking on the surgery, the team leader and Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Dr. Samson Olori, said the success of the surgery was largely due to team work cutting across all the departments and the support of the Management of the hospital. ■



The conjoined twins, before, and after the separation.

## Federal Govt. Commends UATH on Separation of Siamese Twins

The University of Abuja Teaching Hospital has been given a path on its back for a successful separation of a Siamese twin referred to it by a private medical facility in Abuja.

Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole, who was visibly elated to see the babies at the Special Care Baby Unit of the hospital, commended the Management and staff of the hospital for the success.

“This success attests to the fact that there is team work here and a good management too,” he said.

Professor Adewole said the separation was the second in the

Country this year, the first being at the Federal Medical Centre in Yola, Adamawa State.

He noted that, for the advancement in medicine, the birth of the conjoined babies would have been given different interpretations and done with in the years past.

“CMD, thank you for providing all that were needed for the surgery and post surgery management,” he commended.

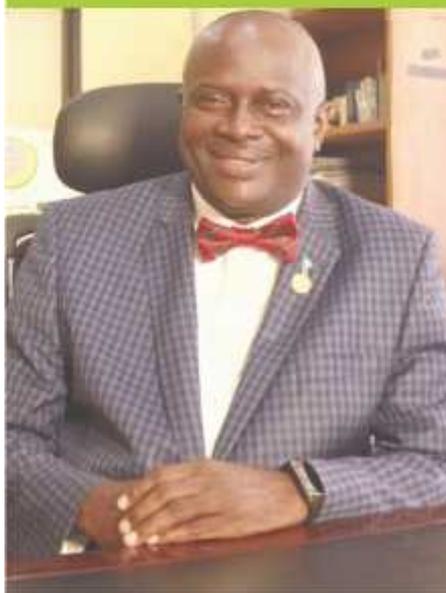
The Minister also commended the team of surgeons led by Dr. Samson Olori for the success even in the face of challenging circumstances and promised federal government

intervention that would enable the hospital break new grounds. “I am sure, with more facilities, you can do more,” he said.

Professor Adewole announced that the federal government had approved the construction of an isolation ward in the hospital.

He said this would serve the need of clients in the Northern States and reduce the pressure on the one at Irua Specialist Hospital in Edo State. While thanking the Minister for the visit, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele assured the Minister of ample space for expansion from the present 350-bed capacity to 500 beds in the hospital. ■

## From The CMD



Prof. B. A. Ekele  
MBBS, FWACS, FICS, FRCOG, Cert. HSM, (Israel)

If I were directed to write an editorial for this edition of the BULLETIN, I would have titled it: **Stretched Beyond the Limits**. For that best describes the last quarter (October- December) of the year 2018 UATH staff and some of the activities that gave us the stress shall be our focus in this edition. Nine hundred and three (903) foreign trained medical and dental graduates had their clinical examination in our Hospital on Thursday, November 1, 2018. All the candidates had the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) same day, using one hundred and fifty examiners and

invigilators drawn from our facility. The exercise was adjudged a success in execution and in outcome as 54% of the candidates passed the exam. Thanks to the Consultants, Senior Registrars, Ward Managers and the Dr. Akaba-led Technical Committee that rose to the occasion. The President, West African College of Surgeons, **Professor KDT Yawe**, who was one of the Assistant Carousel Managers at the examination deserves special mention for he was literally on his feet from dawn to dusk (ditto for the senior consultants and Professors). The Federal Ministry of Health through the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) extends her appreciation to the management and staff of the Hospital. It was in deed a national assignment!

As a training institution, we expect accreditation teams to visit our facility regularly. However, what was exceptional was for four departments to be visited at the same time by four different panels from four different Colleges. And that was what happened between the 26th to 29th November 2018 when we hosted the Accreditation Teams to the Departments of Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School; from the West African College of Surgeons, West African College of Physicians, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria respectively. It was hectic to say the

least but our resilient workers were equal to the task. We are very positive on the outcome.

And the big news! The first week of November 2018 witnessed headline news in most of the electronic and print media that a set of conjoined twins were successfully separated by a team of surgeons at our Hospital. The social media was likewise agog with the same news including an imposter (a certain Mr Kwajafa) claiming credit. In this BULLETIN, we have decided to profile the Surgeon that led the team that performed the surgical operation (the first in the history of the Hospital) – **Dr. Samson Olori**, Consultant Pediatric Surgeon. To be a Center of Excellence which we want to be, we need excellent workers like Dr. Olori and his team! The Board Chairman, **Dr. Sam Sam Jaja**, (Knight of Saint Christopher and the Balolo of Opobo Kingdom), has directed that all members of the 30-man squad that were involved in the surgical feat be honored and we shall carry out the directive!

Finally, let us welcome the **Set 22** of the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing students that just resumed as we wish the **Set 21** graduates, the very best in their subsequent endeavors.

Meanwhile, the fraudsters that opened a Facebook account using my details have just updated the picture on the account. They use these phone numbers: **09029503744; 07082341308 and 07087423710**. Again, am not on Facebook or messenger; they are scammers! Happy reading, compliments of the season and God bless!

## Participate More in Healthcare Delivery, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja

The Chairman, Board of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja has called for more private sector participation at the tertiary level of healthcare delivery in the country. This is with a view to ensuring that more people benefit from the various healthcare policies of government and capital flight due to medical tourism, brought to a zero tolerant level. Dr Jaja made the appeal while speaking at the November Clinical

Continuing Education meeting of the hospital on 27th Nov. 2018. He said he was particularly pleased that even in the face of challenging circumstance; health workers in the country were doing their best. Citing the successful separation of conjoined twins at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in October as a case in point, Dr. Jaja said "given the enabling environment, the Nigerian health worker would excel." The Board Chairman said

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



# How We Successfully Separated Conjoined Twins

The Consultant Paediatric Surgeon and team leader in the separation of conjoined twins in the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Samson Olori has given an insight into the successful separation of the twins.

Speaking to UATH Bulletin, Dr. Olori said on arrival of the babies, who were on referral from the Saint Mary's Catholic Hospital, Gwagwalada, the first hurdle was that of counseling the parents to accept the conjoined babies as human being with prospects of living very successful lives when they are separated.

He said the next step was to ensure that the twins were well fed and optimized for the surgery to separate them.

"This meant putting key specialists on ground and having routine clinical investigations to know, among others, the organs that were joined and to what extent," he said.

On the anticipated problems on the surgery day, Dr. Olori said they were addressed through the meticulous planning by the team and the overwhelming support provided by

the Chief Medical Director, Professor Bissallah Ekele.

Satisfied with the outcome, Dr. Olori said the needed team of doctors and nurses was assembled to consider the best approach for the surgery.

He said the team was divided into two: Red and Blue Teams, and had mock sessions for precision and timing.

Dr. Olori said while this was on, the Management of the Hospital, on its part, was adding up its stock of needed equipment for the surgery which took place on Monday,

October 29, 2018.

According to him, the surgery lasted four hours and the separated babies discharged from hospital after five weeks of post surgery management. He said the success of the separation was largely due to team work cutting across all departments of the hospital.

"I want to thank the Management for believing in my competence and experience and those of my colleagues in the team for the success story that is being celebrated," he said.



## CONJOINED TWINS: THE THIRTY-MAN TEAM

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| 1. Dr. Olori Samson         | 6. Dr. Sabo Vinishe       | 11. Dr. Suleiman Otaru       |
| 2. Prof. Mshelbwala Patrick | 7. Dr. Odeyemi Babatunde  | 12. Dr. Amlogu Peter         |
| 3. Prof. Chinda John        | 8. Dr. Mustapha Abdulaziz | 13. Dr. Gidado Girei         |
| 4. Dr. Osagie Olabisi       | 9. Dr. Asudo Felicia      | 14. Dr. Okonkwo Azu          |
| 5. Dr. Abubakar Amina       | 10. Dr. Enuh Collins      | 15. Dr. Imasuen Louis        |
|                             |                           | 16. Dr. Akitoye Olumide      |
|                             |                           | 17. Dr. Olateju Kudirat      |
|                             |                           | 18. Dr. Aiyekomogbon Joshua  |
|                             |                           | 19. Dr. Hezekiah Isah        |
|                             |                           | 19. Dr. Shehu Martins        |
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|                             |                           | 21. Mrs. Edem Pauline        |
|                             |                           | 22. Mrs. Ojo-Omagbon Justina |
|                             |                           | 23. Mrs. Anyadike Ifeoma     |
|                             |                           | 24. Mr. Ogar Ojong Takom     |
|                             |                           | 25. Miss Ezenwa Augusta      |
|                             |                           | 26. Mrs. Ndukwe Ngozi        |
|                             |                           | 27. Mrs. Omokaro Stella      |
|                             |                           | 28. Mrs. Adekunle Victoria   |
|                             |                           | 29. Mrs. Anibueze Chidinma   |
|                             |                           | 30. Mr. Isa Sunday           |



Some members of the team in a group photograph

# CONJOINED BABIES' SEPARATION IN PICTURES



(Left) Consultant Paediatric Surgeon and Team Leader, Dr. Samson Olori, (middle) Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Dr. Vanishe Sabo and (right) Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Dr. Amina Abubakar taking some decisions before the commencement of the surgery.



The conjoined twins before the surgery



Preparing the babies for separation.



Separation done.



Red Team managing Baby 'A' after the separation.



Blue Team managing Baby 'B' after the separation.



The babies, in the Special Care Baby Unit, after the successful surgery.



The separated conjoined twins and their parents in a photograph with the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele and other Senior Staff shortly after the babies were discharged from Hospital.

# CLINICAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NOVEMBER, 2018 IN PICTURES

## TOPIC: "SEPARATION OF CONJOINED TWINS: HOW WE DID IT."



The Panelists, from left: Dr. Kudirat Olateju, Consultant Paediatrician; Dr. Amina Abubakar, Consultant Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Samson Olori, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon; Dr. Akitoye Olumide, Consultant Anaesthetist; Dr. Joshua Aiyekomogbon, Consultant Radiologist; Mrs. Stella Omokaro, Chief Nursing Officer and Dr. Shehu Martins.



One of the teams that participated in the successful separation.



Left: Chairman, Board of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and other staff watching slides of the presentation with keen interest.



A section of the audience at the presentation.



A section of the students of the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and Medical students of the University of Abuja at the Clinical Continuing Education session.



Yet another section of participants at the event.



Elated Chairman, Board of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja addressing participants at the Clinical Continuing Education Session.



The babies and their mother in a photograph with Chairman of Board of UATH, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja, the Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and other members of staff.

## Meet Dr. Samson Olori, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon

**D**r. Samson Olori, a Consultant Paediatric Surgeon with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, hails from Delta State.

He had his MBBS in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Benin, Edo State and was employed by the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, then Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital, as a Senior House officer in July, 1995.

Dr. Olori had his postgraduate training (Residency) in Jos University Teaching Hospital, Jos and obtained the Fellowship of the West African College of Surgeon (FWACS) in Paediatric Surgery in 2007.

On his return, he was appointed Consultant Paediatric Surgeon in the Department of Surgery. He founded the Division of Paediatric Surgery of the Hospital with a passion for excellence, qualitative, patient oriented and satisfactory paediatric surgical services to needy clients.

As the only Paediatric Surgeon then in the Federal Capital Territory, he said though the work was challenging, there were no rooms for excuses.

Dr. Olori was Head of Surgery from 2012 to 2014 during which he contributed immensely to improving training for the needed specialist manpower in the Department. He was Chairman, Medical and Dental Consultants' Association and President, Association of Resident Doctors of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at various times. Also, he has served the Hospital in various capacities in many committees including Residency training, Theatre users, Continuing Medical Education, Surgical Drug Revolving and Medical Advisory among others.

He is the current Vice President, Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Nigeria (APSON).

He has very special interest in children with congenital abnormalities and he is very fulfilled



Dr. Samson Olori  
Consultant Paediatric Surgeon

to see such corrected.

Dr. Olori was the lead surgeon in the successful separation of the Buzugbe conjoined twins in the hospital on the 29th of October, 2018.

He is married with children and loves listening to gospel music, reading and teaching.

His word to parents of children with congenital anomalies is that "there is hope for your child."

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government alone cannot do everything hence his appeal for the private sector and kind spirited individuals and corporate bodies to be involved.

Dr. Jaja commended the Management and staff of the

University of Abuja Teaching Hospital for successfully separating a set of conjoined twins; the first in the over twenty-five year history of the hospital.

"I will take this report to the Board of the Hospital and you will hear from

the Board," he said.

Clinical Continuing Education meeting is a monthly feature in the calendar of the hospital. The November edition had as its topic: "Separation of Conjoined Twins: How We Did It."

## We Are Grateful, Says Buzugbe's Family



Mr and Mrs Ferdinard Buzugbe with their babies

**M**r and Mrs Buzugbe, parents of the separated Siamese twins at the

University of Abuja Teaching Hospital have expressed their gratitude to the Minister of Health, Board, Management and staff of the Hospital for the successful surgery on their conjoined babies at no financial burden to their family.

Head of the family, Mr. Ferdinard Buzugbe expressed the family's appreciation on the discharge of his babies from the hospital.

He said that seeing his babies conjoined at birth dampened his

spirit and hope of being a father. "I was shocked and I lost hope of having them alive because I was not sure of raising the money that will cover their medical expenses," he said.

Mr. Buzugbe said it was when he got to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and with the counseling he got from the lead Surgeon, Dr. Samson Olori, that he was hopeful. "Thank you people," he concluded.

## Focus for Excellence, CMD tells ICN Students

The Set 22 students of the School of Post Basic Critical Care Nursing of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital have been advised against risky behavior capable of jeopardizing their quest for higher education in their profession. Chief Medical Director of the Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele gave the advice when the students paid him a courtesy visit.

He said having passed through a very competitive admission process, it would be a very sad commentary for any of the students not to take his or studies serious.

Professor Ekele said Management had put in place facilities that would make their learning and recreation a life time experience within the twelve months of study.

He advised the students to always strive for excellence and to leave their footprints on the positive side of history.

"You have the best of lecturers and time is short. So, make the best use of your lecturers and time," he said. Presenting the students to the Chief



Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele addressing the students.

Medical Director, the Coordinator of the School, Mrs. Joy Egbunu said the students, thirty of them, came tops in the competitive admission process organized by the school. She assured the Chief Medical Director that, given the support of Management, the students would excel.

In a response on behalf of the students, Mr. Ogunlabi David Ibukun, assured the Hospital and School Managements that they were aware of the standard set by their predecessor and they would not do anything that would lower the standard.

## Physiotherapists Push for Reduction in Working Hours

Physiotherapists have appealed to the federal government to consider a reduction in the working hours of parents and care givers of children with special needs to enhance the care of such children.

They are also advocating a situation where regular schools would set aside a percentage of their yearly admissions for children with special need to elicit a feeling of belonging in them.

These were some of the positions taken by Physiotherapists in the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on the occasion of the 2018 World Cerebral Palsy Day

celebration.

In a paper on: "What you don't know about Cerebral Palsy, the Physical Therapy Approach," Physio Adesanya Ifeoluwa said that children with special needs should be encouraged and provided facilities that would enhance their participation in the scheme of things.

Earlier, Head, Department of Physiotherapy, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Mr. Solomon Babadiya said the department decided to observe the 2018 World Cerebral Palsy Day as a vehicle for "creating awareness on what Cerebral Palsy is."

Cerebral Palsy is a disease caused by damage to the brain before or during birth which results in difficulties of movement and speech.



Head, Department of Physiotherapy, Mr. Solomon Babadiya

## Community Medicine undergoes Maiden Accreditation

The Accreditation team of the Faculty of Community and Public Health of the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria was in the Hospital for the first accreditation process for the Department of Community Medicine in September, 2018, and a follow up visit took place in October, 2018.

Received on arrival by the Head of Department, Dr Biyaya Nwankwo, the team proceeded to pay a courtesy visit on the Chief Medical Director of the Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele.

Thereafter, the team had a brief stopover at the Department of Community Medicine before proceeding to inspect the practice centre for Community Medicine and Primary Health Care in Dobi. This was followed by visits to the Primary Health Care Urban Practice Centre (Gwagwalada

Township Clinic) and the Medical Officer of Health, Gwagwalada Area Council before returning to the College of Medicine where they inspected departmental offices, Laboratory, Museum, Library and the Computer Room.

On 11th September, 2018, the team commenced activities with the inspection of facilities within the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. It inspected departmental offices, clinics (Child Welfare Clinic at NPI, proposed Well Person Clinic, TB/DOTS Clinic and STI/STC Clinic). The members also visited the Environmental Health Unit where they inspected the incinerator.

The team rounded off the visit with separate interactive sessions with residents and consultants in the department before going for the final debriefing with the Chief Medical Director.



Dr. Biyaya Nwankwo  
Head of Department, Community Medicine

A follow up visit took place on 25th October, 2018. It was, generally speaking, a worthwhile exercise as we await a positive outcome.

The Department is indeed grateful to the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele for his commitment and support.

## Dental and Maxillofacial Goes for Reaccreditation



Dr. Ajayi Joachim  
Head of Department, Dental and Maxillofacial

The visit by the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria for the purpose of accrediting the department for the training of Residents in Family Dentistry was long awaited. The last visit was in 2011 when full accreditation was given for five years.

With the improvement in facilities in the department and the hospital in general as well as the support of Management, the visit for reaccreditation was seen as long overdue.

The Accreditation Panel, led by Prof. (Mrs) Juliana Taiwo, came on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018 and had morning brief with the Hospital Management.

Rising from the brief, the team started with the inspection of the related hospital facilities as a whole before going to the Dental and Maxillofacial department for inspection. Hospital facilities inspected include the Medical library, Accident and Emergency, Theatre, Intensive Care Unit, Female and Male Surgical Wards, Laboratories, Departments of Pharmacy, Radiology and Health Information Management.

The inspection of Dental facilities included the sterilization room, the Oral diagnosis/family dentistry clinic, Restorative clinic, Child oral

health clinic, Dental therapy clinic Oral and maxillofacial clinic. Others include the Dental laboratory, Dental X-ray suite and the medical record room.

The team had meeting with staff in the department and later met the hospital Management with its findings. While commending the Management for the remarkable improvement in staffing and equipment, the panellist noted that there were still room for improvement.

Management, represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, thanked the accreditation team for the brief and gave an assurance that Management would continue to equip the department.

Although the Hospital is yet to receive official report from the College on the accreditation, but going by the expressed level of satisfaction by the accreditation team and with Management's assurance of

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addressing noted areas of need, the department is optimistic that the outcome will be favourable. The accreditation would enable the

department, for the next five years, undertake the training of residents in family dentistry. It will also enable senior residents who are due for Part

2 final fellowship examinations to proceed and more residents can then come into the system.

## NANNM, Elects Officers, Pledges Commitment to Industrial Harmony

An eight-man Executive Committee has been constituted for the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital branch.

The election which took place at the quadrennial meeting of the branch had Mr. Joshua Daudu as Chairman while Mr. Cyril Uwechue was elected Vice Chairman.

Other officers include Mr. Simeon

Usman as Secretary, Oby Okwesilieze as Treasurer, Helen Osademe as Auditor 1 and Ifeoluwa Ajani as Auditor 2 while Musa Yahaya was elected Public Relations Officer.

At a courtesy visit on the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele, the Chief Medical Director charged the new officers to serve with humility and to make dialogue the watch-word.

He said, given the enabling environment, Management would do everything possible at ensuring the welfare of workers in the hospital.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. Daudu had earlier appealed to the Chief Medical Director to look into the possibility of employing more nurses.

He assured the Chief Medical Director of the cooperation of all nurses in the hospital.

## APPOINTMENTS



(Left) Professor Titus Ibekwe, Head of Department, ENT, elected Vice Chairman, International Advisory Board of the American Academy of Otorhinolaryngological Society, Head and Neck Surgery Foundation (AAOHNSF) at the 2018 World Assembly in Atlanta Georgia, USA.



Mrs. Veronica Umoh, appointed Acting Head, Department of Health Information Management.

# PHOTO NEWS



The Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole congratulating Mrs C. Buzugbe, mother of the separated conjoined babies.



© Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong in a photograph with the separated conjoined babies.



One of the sessions during the free surgery for patients with glaucoma in October.



Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele take questions from the Press at the monthly Clinical Continuing Education Meeting in November.



(L) Immediate Past Head, Department of Nursing, Hajja Aisha Gombe receiving a gift from her successor, Mrs. Lydia Chukwu at a send-off in her honour by the UATH branch of the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives.



Presentation of two weighing machines with stadiometers to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology by Dr. Olukunmi Balogun of the National Institute for Child Health, Tokyo, Japan. (Left) Dr. Amos Attah, Dr. Olukunmi Balogun, Head of Department, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Prof. Aliyu Isah, Dr. Bilkisu Jibrin and Dr. Godwin Akaba.



International Committee of the Red Cross donation of consumables and other dressing materials to the Department of Orthopaedics/Trauma.



Free tests for Hepatitis for staff and members of the public conducted in October.

# PHOTO NEWS



Members of the MBBS Class of '98 of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria who were in the hospital to donate Neonatal clothes and blankets to the Neonatal Unit of the Hospital.



A section of the ICN School Set 22 students during a courtesy visit on the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele.



Accreditation Team from the West African College of Surgeons in a photograph with the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele and other staff of the hospital before proceeding on the accreditation of the Department of Surgery.



The Accreditation Team from the West African College of Physicians in a photograph after a courtesy visit on the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele. The Team was in the hospital for the accreditation of the Department of Paediatrics.



(Standing) Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Prof. Aliyu Isah introducing members of the accreditation panel from the National Post graduate Medical College to the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele. The team was in the hospital for the reaccreditation of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



Accreditation Team from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria at the Post Basic Critical Care Nursing School.

**ANOTHER ACCREDITATION PICTURE PLEASE!!!!**



Members of the Accreditation team and Staff of the Department of Community Medicine during the Team's visit to the department.

## THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS - CMD

Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Professor Bissallah Ekele has acknowledged with thanks material donations by various groups and individuals to the hospital for the benefit of patients.

Prof. Ekele expressed the gratitude of Management when he played host to members of the MBBS Class of '98 of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria who were in the hospital to donate Neonatal clothes and blankets to the Neonatal Unit of the Hospital.

The Chief Medical Director said he was happy to see medical doctors of the Class of '98 of the University coming together to identify and donate to a worthy cause that would bring succor and smiles to humanity. "I think what you people are doing is worthy of emulation. I urge you to remain committed and united in purpose" he said.

He also used the opportunity to express gratitude to other individuals and corporate bodies that had made donations to the hospital for the benefit of patients.

The Chief Medical Director listed the groups to include the International

Committee of the Red Cross for donating dressing materials and other consumables to the Department of Orthopaedics and Truma and the National Institute for Health, Tokyo, Japan for donating weighing machines with stadiometers to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Earlier, the Team Leader and Secretary of the Class, Dr. Joshua Zaman, said the visit and donation to

the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital was part of the activities lined for the biennial reunion of the Class this year.

He said the reunion would afford the Class the opportunity to synergize for quality healthcare delivery in their places of assignment.

"We are now specialists in various fields of Medicine and providing leadership in various parts of the world," he said.



Secretary of ABU MBBS Class of '98, Dr. Joshua Zaman addressing the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele during the visit.



## UATHOL HAND WASH

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### OBITUARY

With total submission to the will of Almighty God, the Management and Staff announce the call to glory of Mr. Haruna Daniel Jugu, aged 50 years.

He was a Staff of the Finance and Accounts Department of the Hospital

#### QUOTE:

"To be a Center of Excellence, we need excellent health workers."

- Prof. B.A. Ekele, 2018