



ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Dear distinguished colleagues, it's been three years of unwavering service and selfless dedication to the course of our noble Association. I am today more thankful to the almighty God for his unending grace and mercy. I am equally indebted to you dear colleagues for the privilege to serve in this humbling capacity. Your genuine support and encouragement is a memory I will live to treasure. I am particularly overwhelmed by the altruistic support, invaluable sacrifices, and exemplary collaboration I have enjoyed in the arms of my Executives in these thirty-five months. And to my dear wife and children, I am grateful

for your support and forbearance in the course of this noble assignment.

"It always looks impossible until it's done"

On the eve of my assumption to this noble office, I humbly offered myself to undertake some daunting tasks which I believe their execution has the potential to transform Community Pharmacy practice in Nigeria; and as I reflect on those commitments today, it's a nostalgic mix of joy and satisfaction, I am immensely grateful for your unwavering trust and support in this worthy vision.

Clean Medicine Initiatives – Doing Beyond Talking

Unmitigated access to drugs and unstructured pharmaceutical distribution systems remain part of the challenges besetting our nation with hydra-headed causes and consequences. As responsible practitioners, we will not be tired of making advocacy where it matters, and one day, we will speak to the 'ear that hears.' Interestingly, in the last three years, we have exploited technology to salvage the current situation, we have co-created an online Pharma-distribution platform that can house all the key stakeholders and decapitalize the open drug market. The P2P platform (Pharmart.com) is a promising tool and I encourage all Community Pharmacists and stakeholders to embrace it. We have piloted the system in our last two conferences and users have admitted huge satisfaction. Kindly note that you can order your items from any of our Exhibitors at the convenience of your room at this Conference which will be delivered to your desired location.

To galvanize the level of our advocacy, the Association initiated a multi-disciplinary Foundation (Clean Healthcare Initiative) with a primary focus on the quality of medicines, good drug distribution, and healthcare services. With the support of the Association, the Foundation hosted the maiden edition of the International Conference on Quality of Medicine and





From the Editor in Chief

We are delighted to bring this year's edition of Newsletter to you in sound spirit. The year has been highly eventful and fruitful. We are grateful to the almighty God who has granted us His unquantifiable benevolence and mercies. The astute and action-laden leadership of our National Chairman, Pharm Adewale Oladigbolu, FPSN has been a tremendous lift spring for the past three years. Unsurprisingly, this inspiration and intelligent leading has been cascaded to our state branches across the nation. Various life-changing and professional enhancement activities were held in the course of the year, we appreciate our state Executives and members for their resilience and sacrifices in fulfilling our professional duties to the citizens of our country.

It's now three years in this noble service of our Association, and we want to thank you for this rare

privilege, thank you for trusting us with this worthy responsibility. It's a great honour. As our Association transits leadership positions, let's be reminded that whosoever wins, we all win. Let's be guided by the love and nobility of our dear Association.

I want to deeply appreciate the support and encouragement from the National Chairman, Pharm Adewale Oladigbolu, FPSN, my fellow National Executive members, the National Executive Council members and the entire membership of the Association. I am grateful to Pharm Charles, the manager of the Research & Development Unit of the Association for his commitment and diligence. I am equally indebted to my wife and children who have been a great support in this assignment.

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Healthcare Services in March 2024 at Abuja. The Conference which witnessed all the representatives of healthcare professionals, regulators, and strategic dignitaries ended with the drafting of useful road maps for the improvement of the quality of medicines and healthcare services in Nigeria.

Community Pharmacy Expansion Scheme – Reaching the unreached

The inequitable distribution of healthcare facilities across Nigeria with its attendant setbacks has been of focus over the years. The data for the spread of community pharmacies across the 774 local government areas is so alarming that it is somehow shameful to put them on record. Part of the initiatives of our administration is the creation of Pharmicare Centres across the underserved areas in Nigeria. This includes modeling, and deliberate provision of support funds to states who imbibe this project, the maiden edition of our model building was opened just a few days before this Conference at Ilora in Afijio local government, Oyo State. The overreach intention of this initiative is to support/motivate members to reach the underserved areas. We have equally supported two states (Kwara and Kano) with this similar initiative.

Membership Empowerment - ACPN National Cooperative

One of the deep-focused areas of our administration includes enhancing members' access to credit facilities. We have partnered with various financial institutions and sustained the previous allies.

The ACPN National Cooperative which was initiated a few months ago is growing in leaps with membership now above 400 across the states. Members are accessing credit facilities at 5% per annum and I encourage interested community pharmacists to subscribe to this internal empowerment. We are grateful to the managers of the Cooperative, led by Pharm Gafar Madehin, FPSN for their commendable stewardship.

Solar Power Agreements for Community Pharmacies

The skyrocketed price of energy has added to the besetting challenges facing community pharmacies in recent times, the need for a stable light source is not a luxury but a necessity for any

community pharmacist. To enable Community Pharmacies to access quality inverter systems at a good rate, our administration has acted proactively by partnering with two giant solar power companies – SIMS Nigeria and Liteup Naija. I am delighted to announce that by the reason of this intentional partnership, SIMS Nigeria has offered a Hundred million naira (N100, 000, 000) advance product for our members. We have also partnered with the National Cooperative to fast-track and smoothen the process. I encourage all interested members to embrace this as soon as possible.

The 43rd Annual International Scientific Conference

Dear esteemed colleagues, I want to formally welcome you to the 43rd Annual International Scientific Conference of our Association tagged OLUYOLE 2024. It's a Conference like no other. The theme Advancing Community Pharmacy Practice through Innovation and Collaboration has been carefully selected with rich content focused on enhancing our practice maximally. In addition to the statutory multi-class MCPD certified training sessions, clinical and business master class, several glitz and glamour sessions, sports fiesta and others have been incorporated into the Conference to enrich your experience in the ancient city of Ibadan. I want to deeply appreciate the Conference Planning Committee Chairman, Pharm Grace Ikani, other members of the Committee, the Local Organizing Committee Chairman, Pharm Taofik Odukoya, DCPharm, for all the sacrifices and effort that have gone into the preparation of this unique Conference. I am particularly delighted by the synergy and unprecedented cooperation between the CPC and LOC this year. Special regards to the capable hosting state Chairman, Pharm Adebayo Gbadamosi, thank you all, I am deeply grateful.

In conclusion, dear distinguished colleagues, as we transit the leadership position of our noble Association, I humbly beseech all to conduct ourselves most nobly as it's known of us. Let our action and disposition hinge on the love of our dear Association. I thank you for bequeathing me the privilege of leading our noble Association, it's a memory I will leave to honour. Thank you. I wish you a splendid stay in the ancient city of Ibadan, the home of Amala.

Long live ACPN!

Long Live PSN

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY OF
MEDICINES & HEALTHCARE SERVICES
6-7TH MARCH, 2024, ABUJA





COMPANY VISITS



COURTESY CALL TO HON. COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, OYO STATE, DR. OLUWASERIMI AJETUNMOBI

COURTESY CALL WITH DR. LOLU OJO, FPSN



COURTESY CALLS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS



MEETING WITH PAST CHAIRMEN OF ACPN



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The National Chairman Courtesy Call to the Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ibadan, Prof (Mrs) Titilayo Fakeye

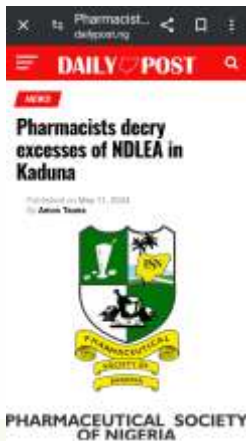
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ACPN GEN MEETING FEB 24



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2. Pharm Adekunle Faderemi... Vice chairman
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Number of Registered Community pharmacies- 355

Number of Zones – 9

Scheduled Meetings & Workshop

1. 20th February, 2024 - NAFDAC Pharmacovigilance Training

2. 21st February, 2024 - Bimonthly meeting /Masterclass
3. 16th May, 2024- Step Down pharmacovigilance training in Oyo town
4. 31st May, 2024- Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance Stewardship.

World Malaria Day was commemorated with free malaria screening and health education in a popular garage in Oyo town. Community Pharmacies within Ibadan city also conducted free malaria screening.

Memorable Events :

1. Medical Outreach to the Ido Local Government community: The ACPN excos with the community pharmacists in conjunction with the Ido local Government organized a community outreach at the local government on the 24th of February, 2024.

Over 300 people in the community of Ido were present, the outreach started with health Talk from the ACPN Chairman Pharm Gbadamosi Adebayo, he spoke extensively on the importance of regular checkup. reached and enjoyed services such as blood pressure monitoring, Fast Blood sugar, Malaria test, HIV screening, consultation and free medications.

At the end of the outreach the following interventions were made;

Cases of hypertension:

Known cases: 65 people

Some not complying with medications while 5 people had good history of compliance. A 2weeks medication were given to them and counselled on the importance of taking their medication regularly.

New cases: 10 people

Antihypertensives were prescribed and counseling on lifestyle and eating habits were discussed. Follow up check were recommended.

Cases of Malaria:

Everyone one present was screened for malaria parasite and those whose results were positive were given a complete dose of antimalarial.

Cases of Diabetes:

Known cases: 32people

A 2weeks medication were given and counselled on the importance of taking their medication regularly. Diets was also discussed extensively.

Others whose screening results were good were







KANO STATE

Dear Pharmacist Adewale Oladigbolu FPSN,

On behalf of the members and Executive Committee of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN), Kano State Chapter, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your outstanding leadership and remarkable contributions during your tenure as the National Chairman.

Your tenure has been marked by exemplary dedication and a commitment to the welfare and advancement of community pharmacies across the nation. We wish to particularly highlight and express our gratitude for the following initiatives and gestures under your leadership:

1. Grant of Grants for Satellite Pharmacies:

Your provision of a grant totaling one million

two hundred thousand naira (1,200,000) for satellite pharmacies has significantly empowered many pharmacists within our state. This support has not only enhanced their operational capabilities but also strengthened the network of community pharmacies in our state.

2. Welfare Support Following Fire Incident:

Your compassionate donation of one hundred and fifty thousand naira (150,000) as welfare support to the Secretary of ACPN Kano State, following the unfortunate fire incident, exemplifies your concern for the well-being of our members during challenging times. This gesture has been deeply appreciated and has reinforced the sense of solidarity within our association

3. Visit to Kano and Sundry Support:

Your personal visit to Kano State and the various forms of support extended during your visit have left an indelible mark on our members. Your presence and engagement have inspired us and provided valuable insights that have furthered our goals of promoting excellence in community pharmacy practice. Your tenure has not only been marked by financial support and practical assistance but also by your unwavering commitment to the ideals of professionalism, advocacy, and ethical practice within the pharmacy profession.

As you transition to new endeavours, please

know that your legacy will continue to resonate within our association and beyond. Your leadership has set a high standard for future leaders to follow, and we are grateful for the positive impact you have made during your tenure.

We wish you continued success in all your future endeavours and hope that our paths cross again in the future.

Thank you once again for your exceptional service and leadership.

RIVERS STATE



Rivers State Taskforce Committee on Fake, Counterfeit and Unwholesome Pharmaceutical Products, with Director of Pharmaceutical Services, Rivers State Ministry of Health, Dr. Sinclair Nwankwo representing Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Adaeze Oreh as the Chairman of the Committee.



Courtesy Visit to the Acting Executive Secretary, Rivers State Contributory Health Protective Programme (RIVCHPP), Dr Vetty Agala with PSN Rivers Chairman, Pharm. Anele Promise and ACPN Rivers Chairman, Pharm. Ezeugwu, Chigozie.



Dignitaries during ACPN Rivers 2024 State Scientific Conference/ AGM with National Chairman, Pharm. (Prince) Adewale Oladigbolu, FPSN, Immediate Past National Secretary, Pharm. Ezeh Ambrose, MAW and Dr. Vetty Alaga, Acting Ac Executive Secretary, Rivers State Contributory Health Protective Programme (RIVCHPP),



A Cross section of ACPN Rivers 2024 State Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting.



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Date: July 11, 2024

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION LETTER TO OUTGOING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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Warm regards,

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Valedictory Messages

Dear National Chairman, (Pharm Wale Oladigbolu)

As we mark the conclusion of another remarkable chapter in the history of our association, I am honored to extend our heartfelt gratitude and admiration for your exceptional leadership and dedication.

Your vision and commitment have been the driving force behind our numerous achievements. You have tirelessly championed the cause of community pharmacists, ensuring our voices are heard and our contributions recognized. Your guidance has not only strengthened our association but also elevated the standards of pharmacy practice within our communities.

Pharm Abosede Garba
Vice chairman ACPN Kaduna State

The Association has enjoyed the blessings of good and insightful leadership over the years, Pharmacist Adewale Aderemi Oladigbolu, FPSN is another Iconic one.

He is a phenomenal being full of wits, insights and ideas. One of his earnest strength lies in the ability to handle relationships with ease. His large heartedness and willingness to submit his ears to the opinion of others without interruption has earned him a great reputation and friendships across borders.

I will surely miss you at the National Secretariat.

Thank you for your heartfelt sacrifices and commitment to the welfare of staff.

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