

UNIMED *titbits*



A bi-monthly bulletin of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State.

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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

Obasanjo promises support to UNIMED

Former President of Nigeria, Chief (Dr.) Olusegun Obasanjo *GCFR* has promised support for the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City. Obasanjo made the promise during a visit of Principal Officers of the institution to his Abeokuta residence in Ogun State.

The Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua *FAS* told the Former President that the visit was premised on the need to mentor students on leadership skills in an attempt to prepare them for the task of leading.

Okonofua therefore invited the former President to come and deliver a speech on the secrets of prosperity.

He also sought collaboration with the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library to improve on what the University has. In his response, Dr. Olusegun Obasanjo appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his team for the visit.

He accepted the invitation to come and talk to UNIMED students but opined that the event should be interactive instead of the traditional lecture pattern.

“Let me have a date so that I can come and meet the students. I don’t think it should take the form of a lecture, I think it should be interactive. It could be half a day or whole day with UNIMED students,” Obasanjo said.

Dr. Obasanjo accepted to have an annual one-day interactive session with students and



L-R: Head of Department of Surgery, University of Benin, Prof. Vincent Odigie; HOD, Biological Sciences, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. (Mrs) Roseangela Nwuba; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua *FAS*; Former President of Nigeria, Chief Dr. Olusegun Obasanjo *GCFR*; Acting Registrar, UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Former Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Peter Okebukola during the visit to Chief Obasanjo on February 7, 2018



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua *FAS*; Former President of Nigeria, Chief (Dr.) Olusegun Obasanjo *GCFR* and Acting Registrar, UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu during the decoration of the former President with the “Grand Mentor” of UNIMED medal

staff of the university to share his experiences as a former President and visionary leader.

“Even if I have to eat, I want it to be interactive, I will be eating with the students, not with you the VC. So, tell the students, I’m coming to dine and interact with them,” Obasanjo added.

The interactive sessions tagged the “Secrets of Prosperity” is expected to begin in May 2018 and will be transmitted live on television.

The high point of the visit was the presentation of a medallion to the Former President instituting him as the ‘Grand Mentor’ of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City. The Vice Chancellor thereafter presented the University’s second Annual Report to the Former President.

UNIMED partners NCPNM, to kick start Herbal Medicine

The Nigerian Council of Physicians of Natural Medicine and Association of Physicians of Alternative Medicine (NCPNM) is to collaborate with the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo, Ondo State on the establishment of the Department of Herbal Medicine in the University.

This institution, which is the first University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria, has unfolded plans for the establishment of the Department of Herbal Medicine.

The Secretary of the NCPNM, Dr. Olarewaju Ojeyemi, who was on a visit to the Vice Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Friday

Okonofua *FA* said the Council was thrilled with the news of UNIMED's interest in the introduction of Herbal Medicine into the University's curriculum.

"We are indeed very glad for the opportunity today to discuss with you on the way forward in collaboration, on the training and research in complementary and alternative medicine for the overall benefit of Ondo State and Nigeria at large," Ojeyemi said.

The Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua *FAS* appreciated members of the Council for the visit saying it comes

at a time when the University was putting all necessary resources together to ensure a smooth take-off of Herbal Medicine in the University. Underscoring the importance of Herbal Medicine, the VC said, "most drugs used to treat malaria are roots and herbs taken from here, processed abroad and sold to us at high prices."



The Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Joshua A. Owa; Deputy Bursar, UNIMED, Mr. Gabriel Osador; Acting Registrar, UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Member, NCPNM, Dr. Adedamola Bank-Kadejo; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua *FAS*; Secretary, NCPNM, Dr. Olarewaju Ojeyemi; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Admin. and Clinical, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin; Senior Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics & Gyneacology, UNIMED, Dr. Oladiran Ayodeji during the visit of NCPNM team

His words: "The UNIMED senate has approved that Herbal Medicine be introduced before the end of the year and since we are the first to start this in the country, we are ready to collaborate with the Council in drafting the curriculum and harnessing needed resources to kick start the programme."

Culled from Sunday Telegraph, March 4, 2018



Dr. (Mrs) E.F Oyebade mni
Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo
(2015-2017)

UNIMED students develop board games to prevent Lassa fever

Two students of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State have developed board games to create awareness about Lassa fever and monkey pox in a bid to prevent and control the deadly diseases. The students, Miss Oluwaseun Aladetoyinbo of the Department of Medicine and Mr. Olayinka Edun of Dentistry Department are both in the 300 level.

In an interview with UNIMED titbits, the duo revealed that the concept was a result of brainstorming on how to tackle the disease which has claimed over 30 lives since the beginning of the year.

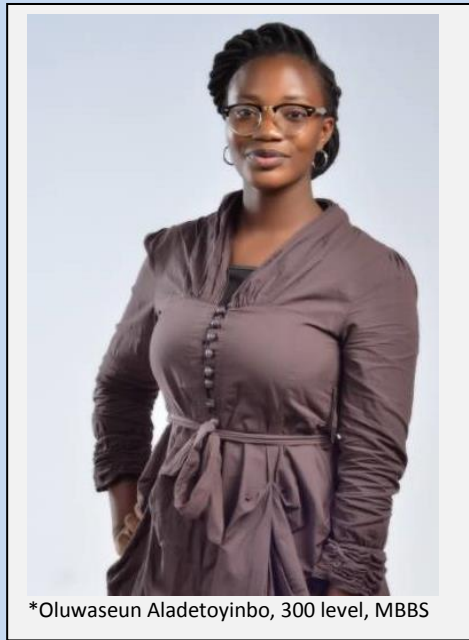
Olayinka Edun said, “I must confess that the closure of our schools such as what happened in Ebonyi will not stop the disease. Instead of locking down the schools, we should educate the students and the general public about the diseases, how it is spread and preventive measures.”

“The games follow the principles of the snake and ladder game where the player embarks a journey to optimal health while trying to avoid boxes with ways of contracting the diseases. That way, players are enlightened about the disease, its mode of transmission, symptoms and preventive measures,” Oluwaseun Aladetoyinbo added.

Each of the board games is designed for 2-4 players with a dice. The first player to reach the 100th box tagged ‘healthy child’ is the winner of the game.

The Head of Department, Community Medicine, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Dr. W. Adebimpe said the games significantly improve the knowledge of participants on the diseases ravaging the country at the moment.

“More friendly innovations are needed in order to encourage the adoption of healthier lifestyle,” Adebimpe said.



*Oluwaseun Aladetoyinbo, 300 level, MBBS

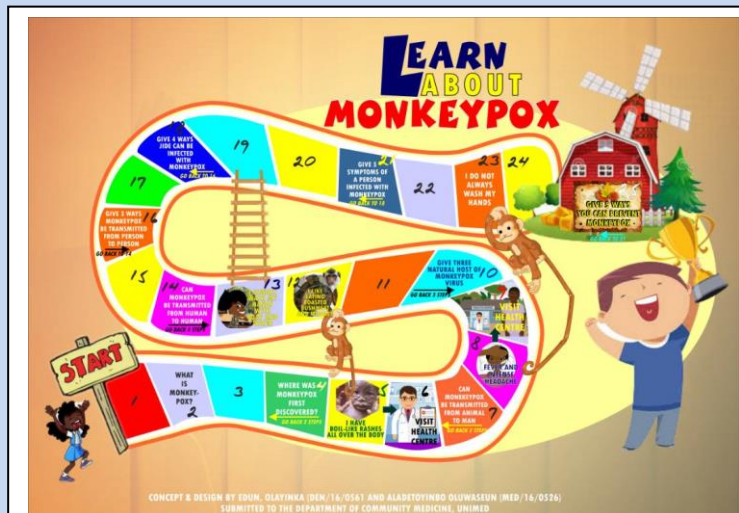


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*The board game on Monkeypox

UNIMED mourns Oyebade

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, Staff and Students of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo were thrown into a pensive mood as they received the tragic news of the demise of the pioneer Registrar of the University, Dr. (Mrs.) Eunice F. Oyebade *mni*.

She died on Monday March 5, 2018 after a brief illness at the age of 65.

Principal Officers of UNIMED led by the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS, travelled to her residence in Akure to sympathize with the bereaved.

The team also comprised of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Clinical Services, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin; Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo; the Acting Registrar, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; the Librarian, Mr. William Akinfolarin; the Deputy Bursar, Mr. Gabriel Osador; Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola; Director of Entrepreneurial and General Studies, Prof. Adeduro Adegeye; Principal Assistant Registrar, Mr. Joseph Awe; and other members of Staff.

Sharing words of comfort with some of her relatives, the Vice-Chancellor described Late Dr. (Mrs.) E.F. Oyebade as an exceptional administrator who contributed in no small measure to the university.

“I remembered how we started the university together in one small office with a just a table. She will be remembered for her selfless inputs. Her death was a



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua signing the condolence register at the Akure residence of Dr.(Mrs) E.F. Oyebade *mni*



A member of staff signing the condolence register opened for Dr. Oyebade at the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo.

great loss because she was a mother to all of us”, Okonofua said.

A condolence register was also opened at the Vice Chancellor’s Temporary Office for Staff and Students to express their sympathy and pay tribute to her. Before her death, Dr. (Mrs.) Oyebade *mni* served as the Registrar of the University, bringing her expertise and

experience in university administration to bear, following the establishment of UNIMED in 2015 and retired in 2017.

Dr. (Mrs.) Oyebade *mni* was also the pioneer female Registrar of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

“UNIMED leads in pension remittance”, Adeyefa

The Chairman, Ondo State Pension Fund Administrators Forum, Mr. Dele Adeyefa has revealed that the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, is taking the lead in prompt remittance of deductions to various Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs). He stated this during the interactive session between PFAs and members of staff of UNIMED which was held at the Main Auditorium, Odosida campus. "From our experience in the field, we have been able to see that UNIMED as an institution is unique and superb as the welfare of Staff is very important to the management of the University. And among its peers, UNIMED has been rated as the organization that actually makes prompt remittance for their staff and keeps proper records of all remittances made," Adeyefa said.

On the issue of changing from one PFA to another, he said: "Looking at the structure of the pension scheme, it's like placing one's future in one's hand. You make your choice, nobody is making that choice for you, and whatever choice you make determines what you get in the future. So if I register with a PFA and I think PFA is not adding the value that is required, why not make a choice to change, but as it were, the change is not here now, so we are still awaiting the approval by the regulator which is the National Pension Commission, but, it will definitely happen because it is part of the Act. People should wait patiently until when the transfer window is open".

The Deputy Bursar, UNIMED, Mr. Gabriel Osadolor said the



A cross-section of participants at the interactive session with Pension Fund Administrators.



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interactive session was organized to ensure that accounts and records with PFAs are accurate. He said the management team of UNIMED prioritizes the immediate and future welfare of members of staff.

An accountant in the Bursary Department, Mrs. Gladys Akinbodewa also told members of Staff to see the session as an opportunity to

make enquires about gray areas of the contributory pension scheme.

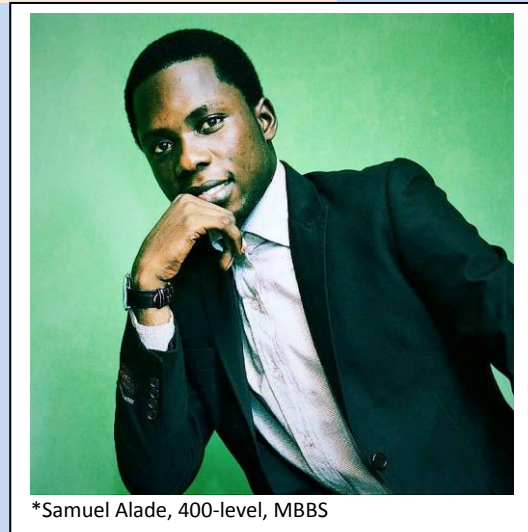
Fifteen Pension PFAs took turns making presentations about how they operate and how members of Staff can get pension after retirement from service.

Alade launches “Addiction” March 17

A student of UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State, Mr. Samuel Alade is launching a book entitled “Addiction” on March 17, 2018. Alade is a 400-level student of the Medicine and Surgery Department in the University. The 21-chapter book addresses issues such as sexual perversion, alcohol and drug abuse which are some of the menacing challenges facing students and youths across the country among other delinquencies. “It is obvious how drug abuse has permeated among a large number of youth with many getting involved in heinous acts. This is hazardous to the addict and the society at large”, Alade said.

“Anybody can be addicted to a series of habits irrespective of age, gender or status, hence, adults can benefit from this book as well”, he added.

The book launch is scheduled to take place at the OBJ Multipurpose Hall, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo City, Ondo and is expected to attract students from various tertiary institutions as well as secondary schools.



*Samuel Alade, 400-level, MBBS

HEALTH CORNER

Tips on prevention of Lassa fever for health workers

1. **Health workers should always apply standard infection prevention and control precautions when caring for patients.**
2. **Use protective gear such as gloves, face masks, laboratory coats, and goggles when attending to patients.**
3. **Ensure safe burial practices.**
4. **Only trained staff should handle blood samples taken from humans or animals being investigated for Lassa fever.**
5. **Educate the public on Lassa fever prevention.**
6. **Keep infected patients isolated.**

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