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

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UNIMED accredited to award MBBS, others

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, has obtained the accreditation for its Bachelor in Medicine and Dentistry programmes. The accreditation followed the verification exercise recently conducted by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), to ascertain the level of efficiency of facilities and human resources available for the training of Medical and Dental students. According to a letter dated October 18, 2017, signed by the Acting Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Dr. T. A. B Sanusi, a copy of which was made available by the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the institution, Mr. Temitope Oluwatayo, with the approval, the University can now conduct the first MBBS professional and BDS examinations that will allow the students progress to the next stage of their training programmes. According to the letter, Dr. Sanusi felicitated the institution on the achievement and reminded management of the



A group picture of members of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) with the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua and some members of staff during the MDCN verification visit to the university on October 12, 2017.

university of the need to inform the Council in good time to enable it send observers for the examination.

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, described the accreditation as a laudable milestone in the history of UNIMED, being the first Medical University in Nigeria and the West African sub-region.

He appreciated the Visitor to the University and Governor of Ondo State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, for his support to the University.

Meanwhile, there was wild jubilation in the University at the weekend as students and staff of the University received the news of the accreditation which came barely two years after the establishment of the University.

Members of Staff of the University commended the VC and described him as a visionary leader who has used his experience to bring great developments to the institution.

Culled from Hope Newspaper, October 30, 2017

MDCN accredits Ondo Varsity's MBBS, BDS

Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) has granted official approval to Dentistry, Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery MBBS and BDS programmes being offered by the Ondo State owned University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) in Ondo West Local Government area of the state. This development was coming barely two years after the first university of Medical Sciences was established by the state government.

In a statement signed by Mr Temitope Oluwatayo of the institution's Public Relations Department, the accreditation followed verification exercise conducted by the MDCN on October 12 to ascertain the level of efficiency of facilities and human resources available for the training of Medical and Dental students.

Acting Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Dr. T. A. B Sanusi in a letter to the institution said with the approval, the university was now competent to conduct MBBS professional and BDS examinations that would allow the students' progress to the next stage of their training programmes.

Sanusi, who felicitated UNIMED on the achievement, reminded the university management of the need to inform the Council in good time with a view to sending observers for the examination. UNIMED Vice Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua described the accreditation as a laudable milestone in the history of the institution, being the first medical university in Nigeria and the West African sub-region.



L-R: Member of MDCN Accreditation team, Prof. S.A Adebisi; Acting Registrar, MDCN, Dr. T.A.B. Sanusi; Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua and Prof. Sede during the verification exercise on October 12, 2017

UNIMED 2017/2018 academic session begins Nov 13

All is set for a new academic year in the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo as students are expected back in the University campus on November 13, 2017.

The Acting Registrar, UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu in a chat with *UNIMED titbits'* correspondent, Temitope Oluwatayo revealed that over 700 fresh students are expected to register for the 2017/2018 academic session.

"The increase in the number of new intakes can be attributed to the introduction of new courses such as Medical Laboratory Sciences and the recent accreditation of our medical and dental programmes", Adekalu said.

He affirmed that all hands are

on deck to ensure smooth take-off of the new academic session as students arrive hall of residence on Sunday November 12, 2017.

He said accommodation would be available for students on first-come first-served basis.

The Acting Registrar however noted that accommodation would be specially reserved for 300 level students who are going to 400 level following their first MBBS and BDS professional examinations.

Adekalu charged students to resume early as they have only two weeks for course registration.

Culled from New Telegraph, October 31, 2017

Ban foreign medical treatment for public servants -Ex-minister

A former Minister of State for Health, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, has urged the federal and state governments to ban medical tourism for Nigerians who go abroad for treatment, using the tax payers money. He also urged the government to provide an enabling environment for the private health sector and also to equip its hospitals with the kind of facilities found in foreign hospitals.

Pate stated this on Tuesday during the Third Distinguished Guest Lecture organized by the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Ondo State. The lecture was titled *The Future of Health and Promise of Primary Health Care in Nigeria*.

He said, "Almost all those who travel abroad for medical care attend private hospitals, not government hospitals, in those countries.

"They also pay exorbitant amounts which, if we had developed the sector, individual burdens would have diminished and steady revenue stream would have been developed, to encourage the private health sector and keep our foreign exchange in reserves."

In his remarks, the state Governor, Mr. Rotimi Akeredolu, said there was a need for government to make primary health care accessible and affordable for the people. He, however, noted that many government officials did embezzle the money meant for the health sector and would prefer to solicit assistance from the international organisations.



L-R: The Acting Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS; Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu SAN; Guest lecturer, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate at the 3rd Distinguished lecture of the University on Thursday October 19, 2017.



Former Minister of State for Health, Prof. Muhhamed Ali Pate decorated with the traditional attire of Ondo Kingdom by the Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS during the 3rd Distinguished Guest lecture of the University.

The governor said the achievement of his immediate predecessor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, in the health sector was laudable and his administration would continue to build on it.

Akeredolu said the state was able to emerge one of the leading states in the sector in Nigeria due to the efforts of the immediate past administration.

He said, "My predecessor was able to take Ondo State to the top in the health sector in the country because he is a medical doctor but we will make sure we do not sleep in the position we are, we will keep on growing."

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Friday Okonofua, in his remarks said the governments at all levels had not been taking the issue of primary health care of the citizen seriously in the country.

Culled from Punch Newspaper, November 1, 2017

'Formulate policy that can address medical tourism'

Federal and State Governments have been enjoined to collaborate with the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria in addressing policy that constitutes obstacles to private sector health delivery in Nigeria. A former Minister of State for Health, Professor Muhammad Ali Pate gave the charge at the 3rd Distinguished Guest Lecture of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo city, yesterday. He stressed that the gesture will develop the sector and reduce foreign exchange losses from reverse import of health services and health tourism.

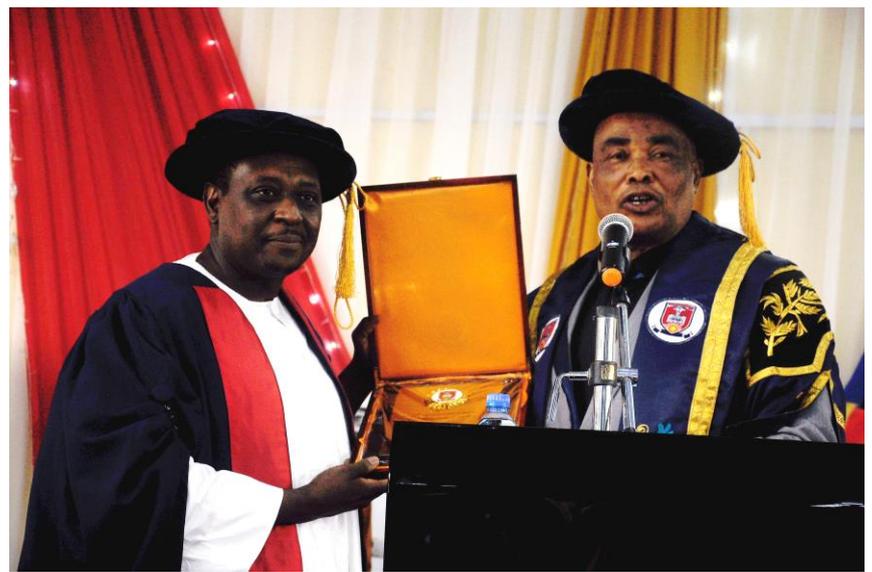
Speaking on the theme: "The Future of Health and Promise of Primary Health Care in Nigeria", the don noted that government must prioritize investment in training within the nation's health institutions as well as human capital.

Pate who explained that medical tourism is not only a Nigerian phenomenon, stressed that, what is not often said is that almost all those in civilised world who travel for medical care attend private hospitals and not public hospitals.

The former Minister harped on the need for transparency, accountability, community engagement, sensible policies as well as execution, integrated approach and politics if the future of primary healthcare must be achieved.

He further hinted that visionary leadership is required to realize the future through the path of universal access to quality, effective, and efficient primary health care services as foundation for a people centred health care system.

Also, Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu (SAN), stressed the importance of an affordable and accessible Primary Healthcare system in the country that would be beneficial to the citizens. He lauded the immediate past Governor of the State, Dr Olusegun Mimiko's giant stride in the health sector, assuring that administration will build on his achievements, surpass it, so as to have a better health system in the state. Akeredolu who lauded the Guest Speaker, Prof. Pate for diligently analyzing the Primary Healthcare sector in the country, promised an accessible and affordable health sector for people of the state.



The Former Minister of State for Health, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate given an award of excellence by the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua during the 3rd Distinguished Guest lecture.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Friday Okonofua has said the Institution's dream is to achieve the goal of showcasing the most exemplary minds in health and education in Nigeria, as a way to build the next generation of impactful and highly effective leaders for the health profession and for social development.

He commended the Governor for the tremendous support and encouragement he has given to the University since his assumption of office, describing such as the pillar of strength that has propelled the institution to higher levels of development.

"We have taken great futuristic giant strides, making the University one of the strongest institutions in the country today.

"The University hopes to achieve the goal of showcasing the most exemplary minds in health and education in Nigeria

as a way to build the next generation of impactful and highly effective leaders for the health profession and for social development in the country," he said.

"Although all governments at both national and sub-national levels have identified primary health care as the vehicle to deliver health outcomes to all citizens, it is unfortunate that the idea has never been fully implemented in the country. It is only safe to say that primary healthcare has been implemented in leaps and bounds in this country without systematic and error-proof measures being put in place to ensure its sustainable and effective delivery in the country over time", he said. The Vice Chancellor however, expressed hope with the enunciation in 2014 of the policy on Primary Healthcare Under One Roof (PHCUOR) by the Federal Ministry of Health, and the rejigging of the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA).

UNIMED to offer Herbal Medicine as course

The Ondo State University of Medical sciences, Ondo, UNIMED, is working hard to become the first university in Nigeria that will be offering courses in Herbal medicine as from next academic session.

According to the vice chancellor of the institution, Professor Friday Okonofua, the university has also been positioned for the treatment breast Cancer and other forms of life threatening diseases.

At an interactive session with newsmen in Ondo, Professor Okonofua said a special and scientifically based curriculum would be designed for the herbal medicine, so that people would not mistake the course for local herbalists' package.

The Vice chancellor who noted that the future of Africa was on herbal drugs, disclosed that the UNIMED would establish a farm where herbal plants could be generated.

Professor Okonofua who commended the state government's commitment to the school, adding that UNIMED had enough well-trained and seasoned lecturers to offer both academic and practical trainings in medical related courses.

He said the university would also commence Pharmacy and expand other medical related courses.

Culled from Radio Nigeria, October 15, 2017



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS during the interactive session with journalists

Our lecturers not ASUU members- UNIMED VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Science, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, has said that lecturers at the institution might have no need to join the Academic Staff Union of Universities because of the management's open-door policy. Okonofua said the existing cordial relationship between the management and the staff of the university had made it difficult and unnecessary to initiate an industrial action.

The vice-chancellor, in a meeting with journalists on Monday, also noted that in any university community with a proper administration in place, there would be no room for the activities of ASUU.

He said, "Our lecturers are not members of the ASUU. I believe that if we govern the university

well, there would be no room for any strike action, even if there is an ASUU on campus.

"We in UNMIED believe in proper governance and proper accountability. In our dealings, we carry everybody along. We don't hide anything."

Although Okonofua lamented that the institution lacked adequate funds, he said it would remain committed to producing the best medical students in the country despite the challenge.

Also, commending the state government and the host community for supporting the institution, he said the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria had visited the campus and had expressed satisfaction on the facilities on ground in the institution.

Culled from The Punch, October 17, 2017

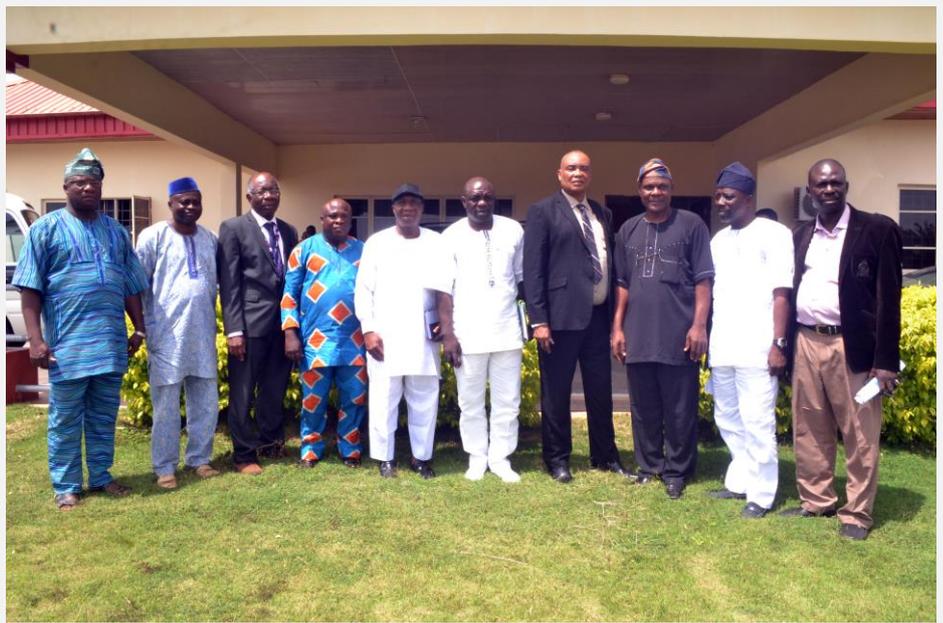
Strive for excellence, ODHA charges UNIMED

The Chairman, Ondo State House of Assembly Committee on Vocational, Technical and Tertiary Institutions, Hon. Felemu Gudu Bankole, has commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Prof. Friday Okonofua for the laudable feat, he had achieved within a very short period the University was established. He lauded the University management team for the impressive level of development recorded in the institution and charged them to continue to strive for academic excellence and make the University best medical school in the country.

Hon. Bankole spoke while leading other members of the committee on a familiarization visit to UNIMED, Laje in Ondo City.

He particularly commended the Vice Chancellor for his good leadership style which has led to the development of the institution, just as he called on other staff of the University to always cooperate and support the VC to ensure the University attains greater feats. The committee Chairman specially lauded the University's helmsman for securing accreditations for courses being run by the institution within a very short period of its establishment, urging him not to relent in his efforts at making the University a reference point not only in Nigeria but across the world.

While emphasizing that functional education requires adequate funding, Hon. Bankole appealed to relevant agencies of both the state and Federal Governments including well-meaning individuals, groups and corporate bodies to assist in funding education, stressing that government alone cannot do it.



A group picture of the members of Ondo State House of Assembly Committee on Vocational, Technical and Tertiary Institutions with the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua and other principal officers of the university.

The Chairman who described Ondo state as a lover of education also advised the University authorities to look inwards and raise more funds to ensure the institution achieves its goal. He expressed the readiness of the hallowed chamber to assist and partner the University to take it to a greater height.

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, who lead other principal officers of the institution to receive the committee, appreciated the lawmakers for their continued support.

He explained that by year 2019, the University will graduate the first set of indigenous doctors, adding that the University was committed to be the best functional medical school that will be the envy of others in the country.

The VC observed that the institution has attained great feats in the last two years of its establishment with limited resources, noting that the University was on course. Prof. Okonofua thanked the state Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, for his support and called for more to move the University forward.

He solicited for the assistance of the hallowed chamber to ensure the University get adequate funds to train the students.

Other members of the committee on the familiarization tour are, Hon. Kaseem Sulaiman, Hon. Jamiu Maito, Hon. Mukaila Musa and Rt. Hon. Malachi Coker.

Culled from Hope Newspaper, November 6, 2017

UNIMED November Birthdays

Students

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|--------------|----------------|---------|
| Alogba | Ayomide | Nov. 1 |
| Yahaya | Olayinka | Nov. 1 |
| Saanumi | Oluwaseun | Nov. 2 |
| Esho | Foyinsola | Nov. 2 |
| Suleiman | Toyin | Nov. 4 |
| Abiodun | Aduralere | Nov. 4 |
| Ambali | Mayowa | Nov. 5 |
| Adebimpe | Tohirah | Nov. 5 |
| Okuwobi | Farida | Nov. 5 |
| Olayode | Samuel | Nov. 5 |
| Olarosoye | Grace | Nov. 5 |
| Oladipo | Samuel | Nov. 7 |
| Ogunsuyi | Oluwadara | Nov. 7 |
| Origbemisoye | Oreoluwa | Nov. 8 |
| Oluwole | Bisola | Nov. 8 |
| Adeyemi | Bukola | Nov. 10 |
| Oderombi | Ololade | Nov. 11 |
| Miller | Oluwasesan | Nov. 11 |
| Oludiran | Philip | Nov. 11 |
| Babatunde | Lateefat | Nov. 11 |
| Coker | Temitayo | Nov. 12 |
| Omotunmise | Oluwafunto | Nov. 12 |
| Oluwaleti | Ayodele | Nov. 13 |
| Ejifunmilayo | Oyinkan | Nov. 13 |
| Ipadeola | Yetunde | Nov. 14 |
| Adepeju | Faithfulness | Nov. 15 |
| Ejobona | Iruoghene | Nov. 15 |
| Saliu | Gbemisola | Nov. 15 |
| Ogunmola | Eniola | Nov. 16 |
| Omotayo | Rachel | Nov. 16 |
| Erhahon | Beverly | Nov. 17 |
| Ojo | Anthony | Nov. 19 |
| Omowole | Glory | Nov. 19 |
| Babafemi | Damilola | Nov. 20 |
| Famakinde | Idowu | Nov. 20 |
| Akinsehinde | Aanuoluwapo | Nov. 21 |
| Adeyemi | Oluwaferanmi | Nov. 22 |
| Akinduro | Praise | Nov. 23 |
| Fawole | Okikijesu | Nov. 24 |
| Akinola | Olamide | Nov. 24 |
| Gbemi | Olasunkanmi | Nov. 26 |
| Onifade | Blessing | Nov. 27 |
| Sanni-Arewa | Mofoluwaso | Nov. 27 |
| Akingbesote | Isaiah | Nov. 28 |
| Okungbowa | Osasefe | Nov. 28 |
| Balogun | Oluwaseyifunmi | Nov. 28 |
| Awopetu | Bamidele | Nov. 28 |
| Oloye | Oluwadamilola | Nov. 28 |
| Adetula | Blessing | Nov. 29 |

Staff

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|----------------|------------------|---------|
| Mr. Akinkuade | Matthew | Nov. 1 |
| Mrs. Ajayi | Betty Bolaji | Nov. 2 |
| Mrs. Kemisola | Bada | Nov. 3 |
| Mr. Jegede | Temitope Michael | Nov. 4 |
| Mr. Folorunso | Femi Joseph | Nov. 5 |
| Mr Fasoranti | Ayodeji Fredrick | Nov. 11 |
| Mr. Ogunmodede | Oluwaseyi | Nov. 11 |
| Mr. Okanlawon | Seye | Nov. 12 |
| Mr. Ogunmakin | Kolawole | Nov. 25 |
| Dr. Oluseyi | Adejumo | Nov. 28 |
| Mrs. Solanke | Oluwayinka | Nov. 29 |

HEALTH CORNER

5 tips to protect yourself from Monkeypox

#1. Don't eat bush meat

Monkeypox is known to be spread to humans from rodents like rats and squirrels. The virus is known to still be present in dead animals that were infected. The consumption of the popular "bush meat" delicacy should be avoided during this period.

#2. Avoid contact with sick animals

Monkeypox has been isolated in rodents and monkeys. Generally, you will want to avoid close contact with any sick animals during this period.

#3. Avoid close contact with infected persons

The virus is usually present in the blood, body fluids and secretions of people who are infected. This includes saliva, tears and urine.

Close contact with infected droplets from coughs and sneezes can also spread the disease.

#4. Wash your hands regularly.

Handwashing helps to prevent many diseases, not just monkeypox.

Generally, you should wash your hands after visiting the toilet, after touching animals, before cooking and before eating.

#5. Be informed at all times

Whenever there is a disease outbreak, the government would always give routine updates about the spread or containment of the disease and you would stay abreast with different steps you can take to stay safe.

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