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## DON IDENTIFIES MAJOR CAUSES OF MAXILLOFACIAL INJURIES IN NIGERIA

### ...Advocates integration of oral health into general care

A professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, Ezekiel Adebayo, has disclosed that crashes occasioned by highways and motorcycles account for a major maxillofacial injury in the country.

While delivering the 7th inaugural lecture of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo State, Adebayo, who is the Dean, Faculty of Dental Science, called for strict enforcement of traffic laws to prevent avoidable accidents.

The expert, in the lecture entitled 'Man and His Oral Health: Exploits of a Maxillofacial Surgeon' at the Laje Campus of the university, said research revealed that only two per cent of motorcycle accident victims put on helmets during crashes. Meanwhile, the don advocated that oral health be integrated into general healthcare, particularly at the primary level, due to the high cost of oral care.

He said, "We need to enforce existing traffic laws,



such as those against driving under the influence of alcohol. Improving road conditions, ensuring that motorcyclists use crash helmets, avoiding overloading, and requiring proper training for motorcycling as many motorcyclists are not trained to handle the vehicles they use. Proper training is essential. Diversifying transportation modes, such as increasing the use of rail, water, and air transport, will help decongest roads and reduce accidents.

"Oral health treatments are expensive, and many people cannot afford them, so they avoid seeking care. There is a need for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to include oral health care, ensuring that people are not deterred by the cost of treatment."

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## FROM THE EDITOR

The 7th Inaugural Lecture addressed by Professor Ezekiel Taiwo Adebayo underscored the significance of oral health to the overall well-being of man. Read more about it in this edition.

The 8th Inaugural Lecture will hold on the 4th of February, 2025. Professor Olowookere will interrogate "THE BEAUTY OF THE "INVISIBLE PRINCESS" AND PERILS OF HER HEAVY MAKE-UP: The Academic Adventure of a Health Physicist". You cannot afford to miss it!

The new Registrar is leaving no stone unturned. He is very clear about where he wants to take the Registry to. He is a man who understands the law of vision which says "The future you cannot picture, you cannot feature in it". Read the future of the Registry he has in mind.

Research should be tailored towards development. It is not just research for research's sake. Check out what the University researchers and other experts are suggesting as solutions to healthcare waste management.

Other regular meals such as 'Thought of the Week with Dr Agbaje', 'Quote of the Week', etc. are also on our menu for this week.

Happy Reading!



**ISAAC OLUYI**

**Head, Public Relations Unit**

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*Thank You*

for coming to the Inauguration  
of Chapel of Christ, UNIMED

**SERVICE HOLDS ON**

**Sundays between 8.30 and 10.00am**

**@Oladipupo Akinkugbe Auditorium, Laje Campus**

## ... DON IDENTIFIES MAJOR CAUSES OF MAXILLOFACIAL INJURIES IN NIGERIA

Adebayo stressed that for the issue of brain drain in the medical profession to be addressed, the issue of cost of living and insecurity must be tackled by the government.

He added, "If the quality of life for everyone is improved, doctors will naturally benefit as well. This is in addition to targeted incentives that reduce the attraction of leaving the country, such as better remuneration, lower taxation and improved working conditions.

"If the general living condition of Nigerians improves, along with targeted incentives for health care workers, the retention of these workers in Nigeria will improve. This will make Nigeria's situation comparable to opportunities abroad, reducing the motivation to leave."

**Source: The Guardian Newspaper**



## NEWS LINKS TO REGISTRY IN-HOUSE SEMINAR

*Click Here*

<https://guardian.ng/features/health/high-way-motorcycle-crashes-major-cause-of-maxillofacial-injuries-in-nigeria/>

<https://thesun.ng/japa-syndrome-poses-serious-challenge-to-medical-practice-in-nigeria-prof-adebayo/>

## UNIMED UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN TO BURY MUM IN STYLE

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo Librarian, Dr Oduwole Adebambo, will bury his mother, Chief (Mrs) Wuraola Oluyemisi Oduwole, who transited to the hereafter recently on Friday, 7th February, 2025 at Ijebu Ode, Ogun State.

The Management and staff of the University commiserate with the University Librarian and pray for the repose of the soul of the departed.

Chief (Mrs) Wuraola Oluyemisi Oduwole (JP) died at the age of 76.

*Please join us in Celebrating the life*  
of our Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend

### CHIEF (MRS) WURAOLA OLUYEMISI ODUWOLE (JP)

AGED: 76 YEARS

#### BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Wednesday, February 5th, 2025  
**SERVICE OF SONGS / DAY OF TRIBUTES // 2:00PM**  
@ MAB Royal Centre, Imoru, Ijebu Ode
  - Thursday, February 6th, 2025  
**CHRISTIAN WAKE // 5:00PM**  
@ MAB Royal Centre, Imoru, Ijebu Ode  
Colour of the day - White and Blue
  - Friday, February 7th, 2025  
**FUNERAL SERVICE // 11:00AM**  
@ St. Andrews Anglican Church, Imoru, Ijebu Ode
- RECEPTION** follows immediately after  
@ MAB Royal Centre, Imoru, Ijebu Ode

COLOUR OF THE DAY - CHAMPAGNE GOLD



RSVP - 08054747838

# UNIMED'S REGISTRY WILL BE ELEVATED TO GLOBAL STANDARD — REGISTRAR

The Registrar of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo State, Ezekiel Adeniran, has disclosed that the registry of the institution is being repositioned for global standards and recognition.

According to Adeniran, who was newly appointed, the university is already positioned to transition to paperless operations, stressing that senate meetings have been fully automated.

The registrar emphasised that the process for requesting transcripts from the institution will be done through the university's website.

While stressing that the registry must play a critical role in assisting the university in achieving its mission and vision, Adeniran vows to ensure the university gets the proper international attention.

He said: "The University Council has started transitioning to paperless operations, providing laptops for soft-copy communication. Similarly, Senate meetings have also been fully automated.

I aim to extend this paperless culture across all administrative processes within a year.

"Students should no longer need to write formal requests for transcripts. Through the university's website, they can pay the prescribed fee, provide the destination details, and have their transcripts sent automatically.

"The registry has been reorganised into specialised units, including Senate Matters, Admissions, Examinations and Records, Academic Staff Matters, Junior Staff Matters, Pension, Welfare, and Training Units.



This restructuring ensures responsibilities are distributed efficiently, preventing overload and improving performance.

"I recognise that a leader's success depends significantly on the cooperation and commitment of their team. To this end, I've focused on recognising staff efforts and assigning senior members to head various units, ensuring fulfilment and motivation. When staff feel valued, their commitment grows, and they perform at their best.

"Over the years, I've worked closely with my team, fostering open communication and mutual respect. Their cooperation has been incredible, even in challenging circumstances. While external distractions may arise—often from individuals unfamiliar with university operations—I remain undeterred, focusing on my responsibilities and the institution's growth."

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Reduce, reuse, recycle – it's not just a slogan, it's a way of life." – Anonymous.

# EXPERTS LAMENT POOR KNOWLEDGE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AMONG HEALTH WORKERS

... Recommend practicable solutions to the challenge

Experts at a meeting held on 'Legal, Policy and Implementation Issues in Healthcare Waste Management' organised by the Faculty of Health Law and Humanities in collaboration with the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo have lamented the poor knowledge of waste management among health workers, the absence of comprehensive data, and the low public awareness of the potential dangers posed by healthcare waste.

Speaking at the meeting, the Dean, Faculty of Health Law and Humanities, Professor Leroy Edozien, explained: "Healthcare waste is any waste produced in hospitals, laboratories, research facilities and homes as a result of medical procedures:". He added that healthcare waste poses harm to health workers, the public, and the environment. According to the experts

"Lagos State is ahead of other states in the implementation of healthcare waste policies". They said a new national policy, replacing that of 2013, will soon be released. They therefore encouraged that the policy be backed by primary legislation.

Welcoming over 100 participants to the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, said that "UNIMED has led the way by devising healthcare waste management guidelines for its campuses". He further said that this should be taken to the national level. According to him, "this accounted for convening this meeting to brainstorm on our society can be helped in healthcare waste management". Given the lamentable state of healthcare waste management in the country, the experts recommended that state governments should enact policies, regulations and statutes

to promote good practice in the management of health care waste;

federal and state governments should make specific budgetary provisions for healthcare waste management; the education and training of health workers in the management of waste should be prioritized; and the environmental health workforce should be expanded in order to facilitate implementation of extant policies.

Experts at the meeting included Dr Obiora Ezeudu of the Dept of Civil Engineering, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada; Dr (Barr.) Rotimi Adeyemi, Secretary, West African Postgraduate College of Environmental Health; Dr Cyril Akinyele, President, Environmental Health Officers Association of Nigeria, Lagos State Chapter; Hon. Revd. Francis Ejiroghene Waive, Member, House of Representatives representing Ughelli North, Ughelli South and Udu Federal constituency; Dr Augustine Ebisike, the pioneer Registrar of the Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria; and Malam Hassan Sambo, Head of Environmental Health department, Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Azare, Bauchi State.

Organisers of the meeting pledged to follow up the recommendations with the appropriate authorities and stakeholders for implementation.



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Laje Road, Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria

**THE FACULTY OF HEALTH LAW AND HUMANITIES,**

in collaboration with the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, School of Public Health

invites you to a

VIRTUAL MEETING ON

**LEGAL, POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA**

Wednesday, 22 January 2025 1300-1500

<https://forms.gle/sFtdBRUaeJZ3ocdJ6>



# NEWS ON THE MEETING HELD ON 'LEGAL, POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE WASTE MANAGEMENT'

<https://guardian.ng/news/poor-waste-management-knowledge-among-health-workers-worrisome-experts/>

<https://punchng.com/varsity-lecturers-decry-poor-health-waste-management/?amp>

<https://businessday.ng/news/article/enact-policies-to-manage-healthcare-waste-in-nigeria-experts-tells-fg/>

**HE DR OLUSEGUN MIMIKO PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE OLUSEGUN MIMIKO BUILDING ON 20TH JANUARY, 2025.**

**COURTESY: PROF LEROY EDOZIEN**





**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE LEARNING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (IDLCE)  
Akure Campus**

**CALL FOR APPLICATION INTO B. SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMMES FOR  
2024/2025 SESSION**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the University of Medical Sciences, B.Sc. Conversion Programmes under the Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Akure Campus.

**General Requirements for All UNIMED B. Sc. Conversion Programmes**

1. A candidate for B.Sc. Conversion Programme in UNIMED must have obtained 5 credit passes in the following O'Level Subjects: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in WAEC / NECO/GCE or its equivalent in not more than two (2) sittings.
2. Evidence of NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.
3. Academic/Official transcripts must be processed and mandatorily provided before admission. An electronic copy of the official transcript can be forwarded to: [idlcetranscripts@unimed.edu.ng](mailto:idlcetranscripts@unimed.edu.ng)

Available courses under the various faculties:

**FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Health Information Management (HIM)**

**Admission Requirements**

- Candidates shall hold a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Health Information Management from recognized and accredited training schools.

**Duration:** Two (2) years, 3 semesters per year

**FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

**B. Dent T Conversion Programme in Dental Therapy**

**Admission Requirement**

- All candidates for admission to the B Dental Therapy degree by conversion must possess the following:
- Higher National Diploma with minimum of upper credit
- The candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

**B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Dental Technology**

**Admission Requirements**

- All candidates for admission to the B. Sc (Dental Technology) degree by conversion must possess Higher National Diploma (HND) in Dental Technology with minimum of lower credit pass.
- Candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

**Duration:** Six (6) semesters

## **FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION**

### **Admission into Transitional-Doctor of Physiotherapy**

#### **Admission Requirements for 18 months duration (3 semesters)**

- Candidate must have obtained a first degree- BSc PT, BMR PT, BPT from a 4 or 5 year training programme within or outside Nigeria.
- Candidates shall possess a minimum of second class lower division in BSc PT, BMR (PT) or BPT.
- Candidates with Third Class degree in Physiotherapy but with additional Postgraduate National Diploma certificate in any relevant fields can also be offered admission into the 18-months duration programme.

#### **Admission Requirements for 12 months duration (2 semesters)**

- The candidate must satisfy the minimum requirements as stipulated for the 18 months programme but must have additional postgraduate qualification(s) with a minimum of MSc in physiotherapy or relevant fields (MPH, MSc in Exercise science or Physiology, Physiology, Anatomy and Biochemistry).

## **B. PO Conversion Programme in Prosthetics and Orthotics**

### **Admission Requirements**

- Candidates shall possess a minimum of Higher National Diploma (HND) in Prosthetics and Orthotics Technology from recognized / approved institution with a minimum of lower credit).

**Duration:** Six (6) semesters.

**Note:** Current MRTB practicing license is required for both tDPT and P&O.

## **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

### **B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Computer Science**

#### **Admission Requirements**

- An applicant seeking admission into the B. Sc. Conversion in Computer Science must hold an HND in Computer Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Physics Electronics or Core Engineering: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical & Electronics with a minimum of lower credit. Applicants who obtained a Third-Class degree in any university recognized



by Nigerian University Commission (NUC), can apply. Also, applicants with B. Ed Computer Science (having a minimum of Second Class Lower Division) can apply.

**Duration:** 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

### **B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Microbiology**

#### **Admission Requirements**

- Applicants must possess an HND Certificate with a minimum of Lower Credit or a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of a Pass in a related discipline from a recognized university or polytechnic.

**Duration:** 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

### **B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Physics**

**Areas of specialization:** (i) Physics (ii) Physics with Electronics (iii).Medical Physics

#### **Admission requirements**

An applicant must possess any of the following:

- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Physics with Electronics, Electrical/Electronics with Lower credit
- Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.) with a Third Class degree in any recognized University
- Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) or Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng) in Electrical/Electronic with Third Class degree
- Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) in Integrated Science with a minimum of Second Class Lower division.

### **B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT)**

The options available are:

(i) Biochemistry Techniques (ii) Biology and Computational Biology Techniques (iii) Chemistry Techniques (iv) Industrial Mathematics and Statistics Techniques (iv) Microbiology Techniques (v) Physics with Electronics Techniques

#### **Admission Requirements**

- Candidates must possess a Minimum of Pass or Third Class Honours or HND (minimum of Lower Credit grade) from a recognized Institution.

**Duration:** 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

## **SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**B.Sc. Conversion Programmes in Community Health & Environmental Health Science**

#### **Admission criteria for Community Health**

- Holders of Community Health Officers (CHO) certificate with current license.

**Duration:** 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

## Admission Requirements for Environmental Health

- Holders of HND in Environmental Health Science with current license.

**Duration:** 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

### METHOD OF APPLICATION

Eligible candidates should log on to the University website at [www.unimed.edu.ng](http://www.unimed.edu.ng) and take the following steps:

Click on Admission;

Click on the Programme of Choice

Click on PAYMENT to make payment via online payment system using VISA or MASTER Card. Note that VERVE card is not allowed;

After payment, print the Payment Receipt

Click on APPLICATION FORM with your Payment Transaction ID to complete the form.

**Application Deadline:** Friday, 28 February 2025

**Application Fee:** N15,000 only

**For Enquiries:** Contact the Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (IDLCE):

**Phone Numbers:** 09020451793, 09062208639, 08110832776

**Email:** [idlce@unimed.edu.ng](mailto:idlce@unimed.edu.ng)

**Take the first step towards advancing your career through our B.Sc. conversion programme. Apply today.**

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

African proverb:

"It is difficult to complain about the quality of the yam you took on credit."

## MEANING:

This African proverb conveys the idea that when you receive something at no cost or through borrowing (like taking yams on credit), it's often unwise to criticize its quality. It highlights the importance of gratitude and being appreciative of what we receive, especially when it comes without direct payment or effort on our part.

Essentially, it encourages us to recognize the value of what we have, even if it isn't perfect, and to be gracious rather than critical. This perspective fosters a sense of understanding and appreciation in our interactions with others. What a wonderful reminder to focus on the positives!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## A 2-Day Physiology Conference

### THEME:

# Advancing Physiological Research and Innovations for Better Health and Well-being

### SUB-THEMES

1. Molecular Mechanisms in Health and Diseases
2. Advances in Neurophysiology and Mental Health
3. Cardiovascular and Vascular Physiology: From Bench to Bedside
4. Reproductive and Endocrine Physiology: Insights and Innovations
5. Environmental and Exercise Physiology: Adapting to Change
6. Advances in Gastrointestinal and Renal Physiology
7. Integrating Physiology into Clinical Practice and Diagnostics



**Prof. A.O. Nalho**  
Department of Physiology  
University of Delta, Agbor  
Keynote Speaker



**Prof. O.I. Alayi**  
Head of Physiology, University of Global  
Health Equity, Rwanda  
Keynote Speaker



**Dr. A.P. Arikawe**  
Department of Physiology  
University of Lagos  
Keynote Speaker



**Dr. V.O. Emojevwe**  
Head of Department,  
Department of Physiology  
University of Medical Sciences  
Host



**Prof. I.O. Adewale**  
Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences  
University of Medical Sciences  
Host



**Prof. A.O. Fatusi**  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Medical Sciences  
Chief Host

### DATE

18th - 19th February, 2025

### FOR ENQUIRIES

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### VENUE

Department of Physiology,  
University of Medical Sciences,  
Ondo State, Nigeria

### FOR REGISTRATION & ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

<https://forms.gle/WMzCtyDepEtMnW557>  
Abstract submission closes on 31st January, 2025



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# 8th Inaugural Lecture



**Topic:**

THE BEAUTY OF THE "INVISIBLE PRINCESS" AND PERILS OF HER HEAVY MAKE-UP: THE ACADEMIC ADVENTURE OF A HEALTH PHYSICIST

**Lecturer:**

**Prof. Christopher Jimoh Olowookere,**  
*B. Sc., M. Sc. PGDE, Ph D.*  
PROFESSOR OF HEALTH PHYSICS/ BIOPHYSICS



Tuesday,  
**4th**  
February, 2025



Tetfund Lecture  
Theatre, Laje  
Campus.



**11am**

*Under the distinguished Chairmanship of*  
**Prof. Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi,** FAS, FNAMed  
VICE-CHANCELLOR

**LIVE STREAM** <https://bit.ly/UnimedMedia>



UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES  
ONDO CITY, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA

# 9th Inaugural Lecture

*to be delivered by*  
**PROFESSOR OLUSEYI ADEMOLA ADEJUMO,** MBBS, FMCP, FWACP  
*Department of Medicine*  
*Faculty of Clinical Sciences*

**Topic:**

**GUARD YOUR KIDNEYS WITH ALL DILIGENCE:  
PRIORITIZING PREVENTIVE KIDNEY CARE**



Tuesday,  
**18th**  
February, 2025



Tetfund Lecture  
Theatre, Laje  
Campus.



**11am**

Guest to be seated by 10.30am

*Under the distinguished Chairmanship of*  
**Prof. Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi,** FAS, FNAMed  
VICE-CHANCELLOR



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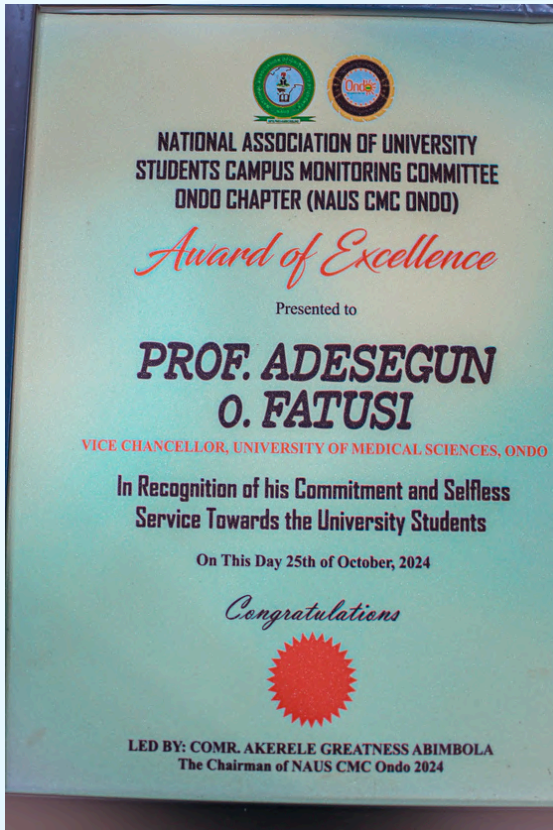
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