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DR. YUSUF MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI RE-APPOINTED CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR, has Re appointed Dr. Yusuf Mohammed Abdullahi as Chief Medical Director of the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, for a second tenure with effect from September 5, 2024.

The letter conveying his reappointment was presented by the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, at a brief ceremony in Abuja. According to the letter, the CMD's reappointment by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu was in "recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions to the hospital's growth during his first tenure in office as the Chief Medical Director of the hospital".

Dr. Abdullahi was first appointed as the Chief Medical Director in September 2021 by President Muhammadu Buhari. His first tenure recorded tremendous transformation in and around the hospital. Some of which include; the introduction of Electronic Medical Records (EMR), which fully digitalized the clinical process, bringing about efficiency and cost saving. Additionally, he established the Schools of Nursing (Basic-ND/HND and Post Basic Programmes), Health Information Management and the first School of Dispensing Opticianry in the North East Region, for manpower training.

Equally, as CMD, he saw to the construction, renovation as well as expansion of clinics and service areas to boost clinical services. It is also a mark of his first tenure that there was sustained industrial harmony as staff welfare matters, such as staff training, payment of allowance and clearing of all outstanding allowances were given prominence.

Dr. Abdullahi's return therefore, signals a continuous commitment to build a legacy of excellence, modern healthcare techniques, and quality healthcare services at the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe and beyond.

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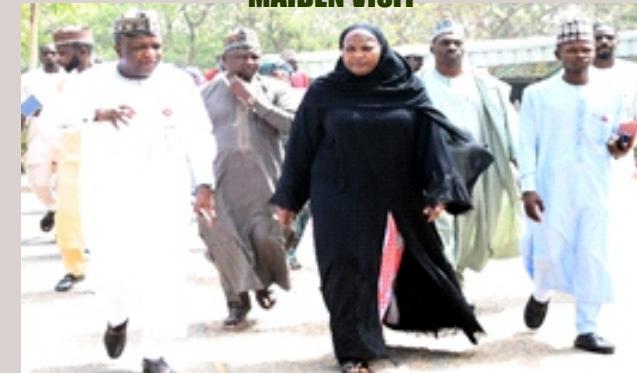
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United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Pledges Support to Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe

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The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Hajiya Amina Mohammed, has committed to support the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe in the development of health education.



She made the remarks during a visit to the Institute of Health Sciences and Technology, Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, where she emphasized the role of health education and manpower training in the health sector.

Amina further expressed delight and satisfaction over the establishment of the Institute of Health Sciences and Technology to train nurses, dispensing opticians and Health Information Managers who are critical in the provision of health care services. She also commended the foresight of the hospital's management in establishing the first school of dispensing opticianry in the north east region.

The Deputy Secretary General also praised His excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR and the Coordinating Minister of Health & Social Welfare Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, for their efforts in strengthening healthcare services across the country.

Leading the UN Deputy Secretary General on a tour of the permanent site of the Institute of Health Sciences & Technology, the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Yusuf Mohammed Abdullahi showed her the administrative offices, lecture rooms, demonstration room and other facilities.

In his remarks at the end of the tour, the Chief Medical Director expressed appreciation to Hajiya Amina Mohammed for making time, out of her tight schedule to visit the facility, stating that this is an indication of her love and commitment to her people, despite her enormous responsibilities as the UN Deputy Secretary General.

Newly Appointed Board Chairman Pays a Maiden Visit

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The newly appointed Chairman, Governing Board of the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, Hajiya Zainab Abubakar Ibrahim, has paid a maiden visit to the institution following her appointment by His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

On arrival, she was received by the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Yusuf Mohammed Abdullahi; Hon. Commissioner of Health Gombe State, Dr. Habu Dahiru; Provost College of Medical Sciences Gombe State University, Prof. Mohammed Manga; Hospital Management and Executive of Staff Unions.

During the visit, Hajiya Zainab was given a guided tour of the facility, where she praised the efforts of the Chief Medical Director and his team in ensuring that the hospital stands as one of the best in the country. She acknowledged the dedication of the staff and expressed her commitment to supporting the hospital's growth and provide effective medical services to the people of Gombe state and beyond.



In his speech, the CMD expressed gratitude for the visit and pledged to work closely with the Board Chairman and other members of the Board. He emphasized the importance of synergy and cooperation between the hospital management and the board to further enhance the hospital's operations and service delivery.

Hajiya Zainab from Taraba State, is currently the Deputy National Women Leader of the All-Progressives Congress (APC), a Chartered Accountant and politician. Her visit therefore, marks a promising start, as she reiterated her commitment to build on the existing capacity of the hospital to provide quality health care services.

DR. BUKAR YAKUBU LAKUBBE APPOINTED ACTING CHAIRMAN OF MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Dr. Bukar Yakubu Lakubbe has been appointed as the acting Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), following the expiration of the tenure of the erstwhile CMAC. This was

contained in a circular issued by the Director of Administration/Secretary of the Governing Board, which states that the appointment is effective from March 20, 2025, for a term of two years, subject to confirmation.

Born in Kano, he had his education at the Federal Polytechnic Staff School, Bauchi, Government Science Secondary School Toro, Bauchi State and the prestigious University of Jos, Plateau State. Dr. Bukar currently serves in the Department of

Dr. Bukar currently serves in the Department of Orthopedics and Trauma at the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe and Associate Senior Lecturer at College of Medical Sciences, Gombe State University.

Prior to his appointment as Ag. CMAC, Dr. Bukar served as the Deputy Chairman Medical Advisory Committee DCMAC Clinicals. He was once the Head of Department of Accident and Emergency, where he distinguished himself as a seasoned administrator.

Dr. Bukar is a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS), Associate Fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

DR. AMINU UMAR USMAN APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Dr. Aminu Umar Usman has been appointed Deputy Chairman Medical Advisory Committee (DCMAC) in charge of Clinicals

This was contained in a circular issued by the Director of Administration/Secretary of the Governing Board of the hospital, with effect from

April 2, 2025, for a term of two years.

Born in Gombe Local Government Area, Gombe State. He had his Secondary school at Government Science Secondary School, Junior Secondary School, all in Gombe and the University of Maiduguri, Borno State.

Dr. Aminu is a Consultant Radiologist with the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, a Part I Member of the Faculty of Radiology, West African College of Surgeons (WACS), and has participated in numerous specialized training programs and conferences in the medical field, and also served as the Head of Department of Radiology at the hospital.

DR. HALIMA USMAN FAROUK APPOINTED D-CMAC RESEARCH & TRAINING



A portrait of Dr. Halima Usman Farouk, a woman with dark skin and short hair, wearing a purple hijab. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. To her right is a block of text detailing her appointment.

This was contained in a circular issued by the Director of Administration/Secretary of the Governing Board of the hospital, with effect from April 2, 2025, for a term of two years.

Born in Pindiga, Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State. She had her primary education in Kaduna, attended the Federal Government Girls' College, Bwari-Abuja and the prestigious University of Maiduguri for her MBBS.

Dr. Farouk is a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology with the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, Associate Professor in Gynecology at Gombe State University and a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS).

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Farouk served as the Head of Department Obstetrics and Gynecology at the hospital.

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

When Dr. Yusuf Mohammed Abdullahi assumed office as the Chief Medical Director of the Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe in 2021, his vision was to transform the hospital into a world class tertiary hospital in the country. In fulfilment, he set out to transform the General Out Patient Department (GOPD).

According to google, "GOPD stands for General Out Patient Department which serves as the primary entry point for patients seeking non specialized medical care and provides clinical and nursing services. The GOPD is the initial point of contact for patients who do not require immediate specialists' attention, offering a range of services including clinical examination, investigations, first line primary care and nursing procedures".

A Vision Realized

The transformation began in April 2022 with the conversion of General Out Patient Department to Department of Family Medicine and the appointment of Dr. Ishaq Muhammad Inuwa, a Consultant Family Physician as its pioneer Head of Department. On assuming office, Dr. Inuwa began restructuring the department in accordance with the CMD's mandate. Previously, the GOPD comprised the male and female outpatient, NHIA and the retainership clinics. With the restructuring for improved service delivery, these clinics were transformed to General Out Patient Unit, Retainership Unit and National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) Unit. The Accident & Emergency was also brought under the control of the Department of Family Medicine as a unit, in addition to the Federal Secretariat Clinic being managed by the hospital.

A More Efficient and Integrated System

In the past, patients visiting the GOPD had to navigate various parts of the hospital for different services, which was quite cumbersome. The CMD and HOD took note of this challenge and set out to evolve a couple of initiatives to make the entire process more efficient. One of such initiatives was the design, construction and citing of the NHIA Complex opposite the Administrative building.

With this development, the NHIA clinic has been relocated to the new complex. This move has resulted in enhanced service delivery with the integration of these services; pharmaceutical, laboratory, health information, billing and payment under one

roof. Additionally, due to the unrestricted patient flow, there is a proposal to extend the clinic hours from 12 to 24 hours, delivering a whole new experience for NHIA Patients as confirmed by the HOD.

"Now, everything is within the same complex. It's a game-changer for both patients and staff. The proximity of essential services has made a noticeable impact on the speed of patient's care, allowing for quicker diagnosis with immediate access to medications and lab results".

Addressing Challenges

The move has also addressed long-standing challenges, particularly those related to the National Health Insurance (NHIA) patients. Under the old system, NHIA patients faced delays due to the separation of services. The new complex brings these services together, ensuring quicker, more comprehensive care. Furthermore, Dr. Muhammad revealed that once the second phase of the building is completed, the department will offer 24-hour services, further improving patient access. Diagnostic capabilities have also been enhanced. laboratory results are now expected within one to two hours, and the consistent availability of medications ensures that patients can receive the treatments they need without unnecessary delays.

Opportunities for Training and Research

The new complex also presents exciting opportunities for staff development. With more space and resources, the Family Medicine Department is better equipped to train resident doctors and support research, especially in the context of common conditions seen in family medicine. Dr. Muhammad expressed enthusiasm about fostering a research culture, with the resident doctors already being encouraged to pursue research and data collection.

A Message of Gratitude

Dr. Muhammad expressed heartfelt gratitude to the management for the unwavering support in bringing the new complex to fruition.

As the Family Medicine Department continues to grow and evolve, the new NHIA complex stands as a testament to the hospital's commitment to providing quality care to its patients.



INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY RELOCATES TO PERMANENT SITE

Following the completion of work at its permanent site, the Institute of Health Sciences & Technology, Federal Teaching Hospital Gombe, which was hitherto accommodated at the isolation complex has moved to its permanent site.

The institute which was established in 2023 under the dynamic leadership of the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Yusuf Mohammed Abdullahi has the College of Nursing Sciences, Post Basic and Basic Nursing Programmes; School of Health Information Management and School of Dispensing Opticianry.

So far, two sets of the Post Basic Nursing Programme in Critical Care and Perioperative Nursing, as well as, the first set of the National Diploma Programme in Dispensing Opticianry have been graduated.

The permanent site has the administrative building, school building, students' hostels, as well as provision for recreational area, designed to enhance the learning experience of the students.

Furthermore, this relocation marks a significant milestone for the institution, as it strives to train quality manpower for the health sector. It is also expected to significantly increase the Institute's capacity to compete favorably with its peers.



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MAIDEN VISIT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN



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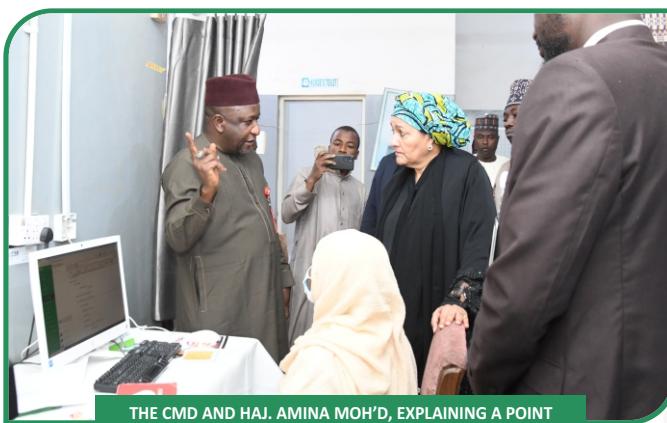
VISIT BY UNITED NATIONS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL



THE CMD LEADING THE UNITED NATION DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL HAJ. AMINA MOHAMMED TO THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX



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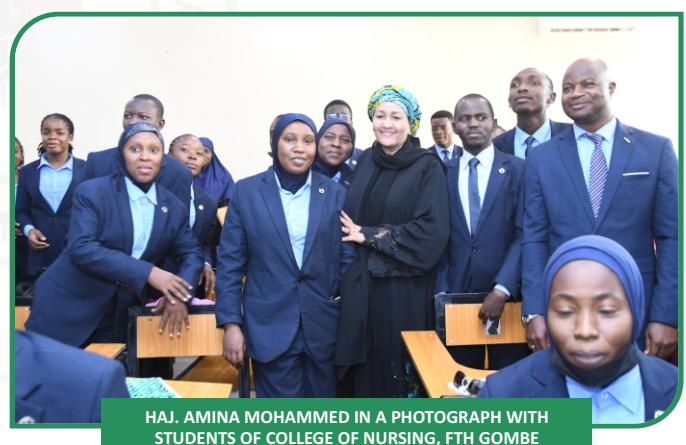
THE CMD AND HAJ. AMINA MOH'D. EXPLAINING A POINT ON ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD (EMR)



HAJ. AMINA MOHAMMED ARRIVING AT THE PERMANENT SITE OF THE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, FTH GOMBE



HAJ. AMINA MOH'D. AND CMD AT THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, FTH GOMBE



HAJ. AMINA MOHAMMED IN A PHOTOGRAPH WITH STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF NURSING, FTH GOMBE



THE CMD DR. YUSUF MOHAMMED AND HAJ. AMINA MOHAMMED IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF NURSING, FTH, GOMBE



HAJ. AMINA MOHAMMED ADDRESSING THE PRESS DURING THE VISIT