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NMA Chairman's Address



The Chairman of NMA Rivers state - Dr. Ebbi Robinson on behalf of the State Officers Committee, and the State Executive Council heartily presents the entire NMA Rivers State Community with the February Edition of our monthly newsletter.

This is the second month of the year and like every new start; it allows restating our commitment to putting every Rivers Doctor first, and to explore all avenues for the better welfare of the Rivers Doctor.

In the last month we joined our voices in the Cervical Awareness month; this month we continued on this journey for World Cancer Day on 4th February 2023.

This month is also one that affects the average Nigerian, and as such should be of particular interest to the Doctors; our participation in the broader political events that will shape the country in the next four years.

We are encouraged to go out on the respective election days and vote for a better Nigeria that will not only benefit a few but all Nigerians.

God bless NMA Rivers State!

God bless Nigeria!

Dr. Ebbi Robinson Chairman, NMA Rivers

From the P.R.O.

On behalf of the Publicity Committee of NMA Rivers, we are excited to present the February edition of our monthly newsletter.

2022 has been very eventful and the publicity committee embarked on several initiatives to build the image of our association while keeping our members informed and engaged.

In January 2023, we joined the wider community and the entire World to commemorate World Cancer day.

We have also launched our improved NMA website and the NMA Rivers database where every doctor practicing in Rivers state is encourage to register to join the growing database.

This edition covers activities of the Association in the month of January and covers other highlights and achievements of our members amongst other things.

We also encourage all our members to visit our our rebranded website – nmarivers.org and register as a member.

Relax and enjoy the read.

Dr Ogechukwu Isokariari Public Relations Officer



From the Editor

Welcome to our second newsletter for the year 2023.

We let out great publications throughout last year and we are grateful to you, dear reader for coming along with us.

This year, we will strive to give you more awesome newsletters.

All of us are immensely proud of the newsletters we have published since the beginning of this endeavor and we hope it has always been a pleasurable read for you dear reader.

We pray that we are successful in our resolutions for this new year as we look forward to a fantastic 2023 for us all.

Dr. Daniel Faithful Miebaka Editor, NMA Rivers Newsletter



Meet the Executives



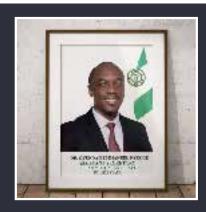














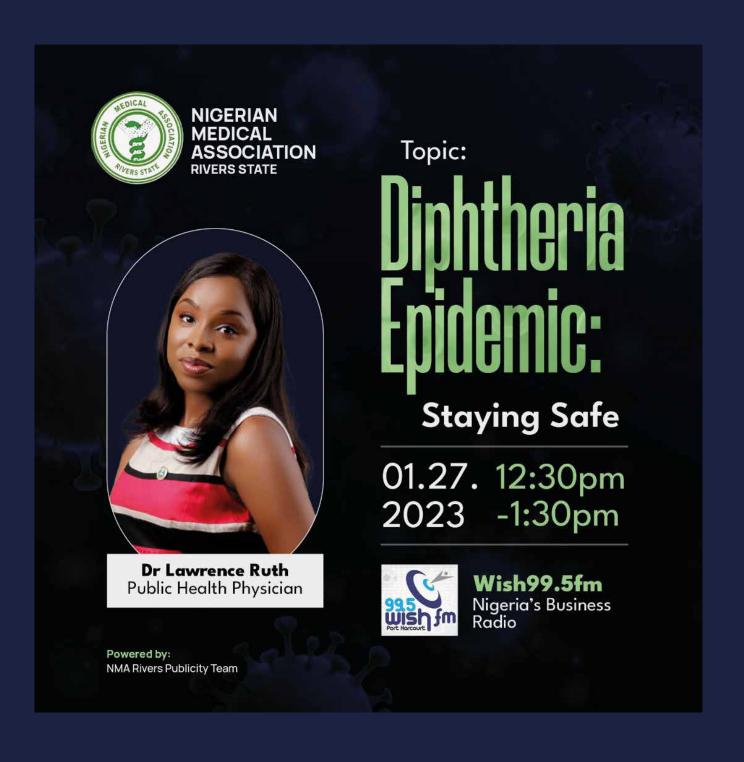






Diphtheria Epidemic

The recent Diphtheria epidemic in several states in Nigeria prompted a media campaign to educate the public on how to stay safe during this period. Dr Lawrence Ruth – a Public Health Physician went on radio – Wish 99.5FM - on the 27 th of January to speak on do justice to this topic.



Call for Manuscript

The Nigerian Health Journal

An issue has been published.

We invite you to take a look at the titles of interest to you.

Link: https://www.tnhjph.com/index.php/tnhj/issue/current

We welcome new articles for our forthcoming issues.



Call for Manuscripts

The Nigerian Health Journal (TNHJ) is an OPEN ACCESS, internationally peer-reviewed, English language, medical and health science journal.

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Send above details and evidence of payment to **Dr Avundaa Hope** (NMA Rivers Secretary) via email **nmarivers@yahoo.com**

Kindly note that the minimum one can apply for is 2 pages which cost N2400 (2 pages contain 48 stamps)





NMA Rivers Database

https://nmarivers.org/register/

NMA Rivers launches her database gathering to enable us have updated information on our members.

It has the following benefits:

- 1. Online payment of dues
- 2. Access to a member-only portal after confirmation
- 3. Join the doctors directory for the state
- 4. Benefit from monthly birthday celebrations in our newsletter
- 5. Ease of conducting e-voting in future
- 6. Direct access to our newsletters via our website and in your inbox
- 7. Firsthand communication on important events.

It takes only 2 minutes to be a part of this growing database!

Thank you!



NMA Rivers at the APHPN AGSM 2023

The NMA Chairman - Dr Ebbi Robinson delivered a goodwill message at the Opening Ceremony of the just concluded Annual General and Scientific Meeting of the Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria which held at the LA Kings event centre, Stadium Road, Port Harcourt from the 30 th January to 3 rd February, 2023.

This was a magnificent and successful event which saw the Rivers state branch of APHPN host all Public Health Physicians in all 36 states of Nigeria.

It is noteworthy that our NMA Rivers Journal Editor in chief - Prof Daprim Ogaji, was the chairman of the Local Organising Committee of this auspicious event.



Recognition

Dr Ibiwari Erekosima

The NMA Chairman – Dr Ebbi Robinson, on behalf of the State Officers Committee, the State Executive Council and the entire NMA Rivers community, wishes to recognise and congratulate Prof Ibiwari Erekosima on his achievement in furthering the area of Medical Education in Nigeria and Diaspora. This is evidenced by the recent award received by the Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Network of the Northern Care Alliance (NHS UK) and your contribution to the success of the recent Medical Education Summit organised by the Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria (MDCAN).

We wish you more giant strides as you pave your way in your future career!





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Press Release!

Distinguished Medical elders, dear colleagues, gentlemen of the press, ladies and gentlemen,

I bring you warm greetings from the Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Branch.

As we draw very close to the 2023 elections, it has become very pertinent for me to bring to the notice of the general public and to my dear colleagues that it is our civic responsibility to go out, vote and protect our votes without fear or favour.

Without nepotism, tribalism and religious inclination. Let the 'Project Nigeria' be taken as a PATIENT to be treated using our PVC as the only recommended medication.

We are therefore expected to be at our Polling units on the 25th of February and 11th of March 2023 respectively to exercise this civic responsibility.

For those that will be on duty, I also encourage you to discharge your duties effectively with every sense of professionalism.

However, I plead with every Security personal or Election monitoring security apparatus NOT to harass or molest Medical Personnel that are on duty on the election days.

On behalf of the State Officers Committee and the State Executive Council of the Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Branch, I salute and appreciates, the courage and sagacity of all Medical Doctors and by extension to all other healthcare practitioners (Nurses, Pharmacists, Radiographers, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Optometrists alike) who have been working assiduously to provide services in both public and private health facilities amidst the present reality and challenges of no fuel, no cash, interrupted/very slow financial institutions networks.

I pray God continues to bless and reward our services.

God Bless Nigerian Medical Association God Bless Rivers State God Bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Signed

Dr. Ebbi D. Robinson

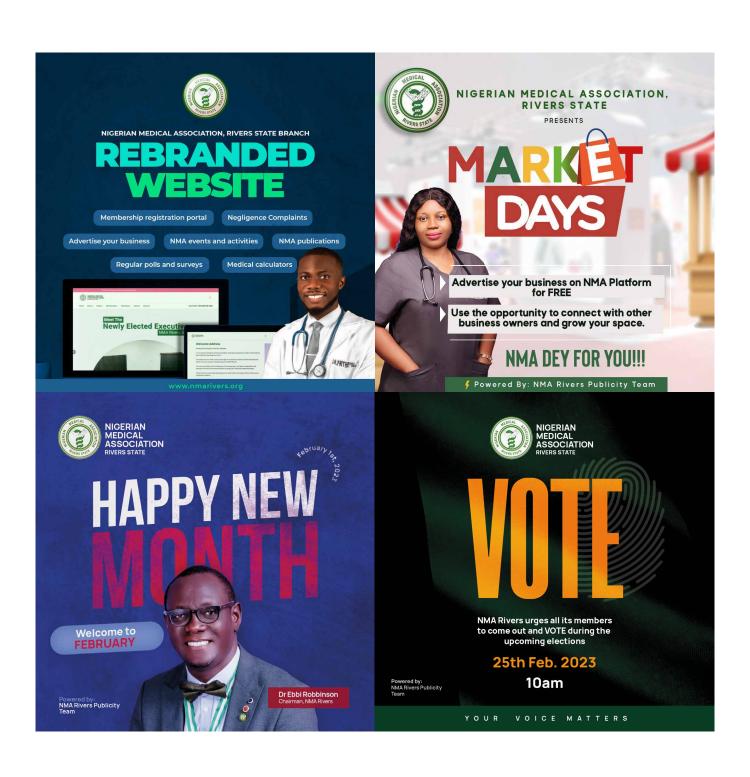
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