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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Respected medical elders, senior colleagues and colleagues.

Welcome to a new era in the history of our noble association.

Our branch of the NMA has remained one of the most stable, peaceful, and progressive state branches nationwide. We can no doubt only get better, bigger and bolder this year.

Since this SOC came on board on the 10th of August, 2024, we have hit the ground running.

Our collective and propulsive desire to serve you better drove us to some of the early results we have achieved. Our legislative influence recently took a new leap with the robust and comprehensive draft we recently submitted on a health-related bill at the Rivers State House of Assembly.

We have also modified our birthday celebrations to an all-inclusive style in line

with our campaign promise of placing value on every member. Our attendance at members' events has been massive, indicating a renewed spirit of comradeship and increased ownership of the NMA project. Our town hall meetings will commence soon and serve as a bridge builder between the NMA leadership and the rest of the membership, bringing NMA right to your doorsteps.

As we moved from facility to facility and one institution to another, we perceived a fresh hope of better things amid a very challenging economy.

Let me commend all practising doctors for keeping up with practice at trying times. From Medical Directors to Chief Medical Directors, Health administrators to health caregivers, medical elders to young doctors, we all deserve special commendation for maintaining a high standard of practice during a very discouraging economy. Well done.

In the coming months, we will continue to roll out welfare packages and expand our investment platforms for a progressively sustainable association. We also take our Anti-quackery efforts to a new level as we commence our radio drama series and improve our membership identification drive.

We can only achieve more if we work Together.

Let us, therefore, maintain the collective spirit of progress as we build the NMA of our dreams.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro
Chairman, NMA Rivers State

FROM THE PRO'S DESK



Dear highly Esteemed readers,

We welcome you to a new month, SOC year, and our debut newsletter. As we enter another exciting month, I am thrilled to share this new SOC year's latest updates and highlights. Our commitment to health education, community engagement, and excellence remains unwavering, and this newsletter serves as a testament to our ongoing efforts.

In this edition, you will find highlights showcasing our team members' hard work, dedication, and initiatives that positively impact our community. We also want to hear from you! Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to improve and enhance our communication efforts.

Please share your thoughts, suggestions, or articles that should be highlighted in future editions.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are building a brighter future for NMA Rivers.

Warm and Best regards,

Dr Siene Oluwatosin Orogun
Public Relations Officer,
NMA Rivers State

NMA Dinner and Inauguration of New Excos

By Faithful Miebaka Daniel



IMAGE SHOWING THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVES AND INCOMING EXECUTIVES AT THE HANDOVER EVENT



The evening of August 10th, 2024, was adorned with the anticipation that ripples through a calm sea just before a storm, an event eagerly awaited by hundreds of doctors practising across Rivers State. From the oil-rich fields of Ogonilands, Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni, and Etchelands to the serene island town of Bonny, from the fishing plains of Okrika, Andoni, Asari-Toru, and Akuku-toru, to the timeworn shores of Ogu, Degema, and Opobo, and stretching to the rich, fertile lands of Abua, Ahoada, from the uplands of Ikwerre, Obio-akpor, Emohua to the tributary lands of Omuma and Oyigbo, the doctors of all cadre descended, one by one, into the opulent halls of the La Sien Pavilion Royale in the bustling metropolis of Port Harcourt. It was the grand Dinner and Handover Ceremony, a night destined to be etched in memories like starlight on a clear night sky.

La Sien Pavilion Royale's venue stood majestic, its chandeliers casting a golden glow that bathed the room in an ethereal light. Doctors arrived dressed in finery that spoke of sophistication and class, each outfit a statement of individuality yet bound by a shared spirit of excellence. The women, draped in silks, satins, and traditional attire that flowed like rivers of colour, adorned themselves with jewels that sparkled like the stars above the Niger Delta. In bespoke suits and senators tailored to perfection, the men exuded a quiet authority, their presence commanding and dignified. Together, they painted a picture of regality, a testament to the unspoken bond that binds this community of healers. The dinner was a banquet not just of food but of fellowship, a celebration of a shared journey, and the beginning of another chapter in the story of the NMA. Indeed, two incredible years had passed,

and the weeklong annual general meeting and scientific conference (AGMSC) culminated this evening, another glowing delivery by the organising committee led by Dr. (Prof.) Kaladada Korubo. The evening unfolded like a carefully orchestrated ballet; every movement, every word was steeped in meaning. With speeches and many honoured for their distinguished service, others had their names written on the grand walls of the Honours Roll of the NMA Rivers State Branch.

As the night wore on, the handover ceremony took centre stage, a graceful transition from the old guard to the new, marked by speeches that resonated with hope and gratitude. The outgoing administration led by Dr. Ebbe Robinson, who was lauded for its achievements, passed the baton with a promise of continuity and an unwavering commitment to progress. The incoming administration led by Dr. Diamond

Tamnuokuro, receiving the mantle with humility and resolve, pledged to steer the association into a future bright with possibilities. While guests were treated to performances and music that reverberated in those halls, forcing those hands and feet that labour daily for the well-being of others to move like palm branches tossed by an evening wind. They danced not just to the rhythm of the music but to the beat of their collective dreams, their movements an expression of unity, strength, and the vibrant spirit of the NMA. As the final notes of the evening's music faded, there lingered in the air a sense of something profound—a shared understanding that, beyond the titles and accolades, it is the heart that leads. It is in the hands of these dedicated men and women that the future of healthcare in Rivers State will continue to shine.

Meet the Excos



Dr. Ureh Oparaodu
Vice Chairman 1



Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro
Chairman



Dr. Abayomi Ogundele
Vice Chairman 2



Dr. Osoma Smith
Secretary



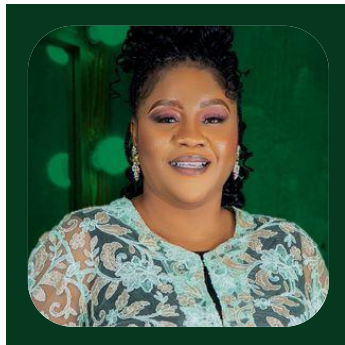
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Assistant Secretary



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Treasurer



Dr. Femi Audu
Financial Secretary



Dr. Siene Oluwatosin Orogun
Public Relations Officer



Prof. Daprim Ogaji
Editor-in-Chief



Dr. Ebbi Robinson
Ex-Officio 1



Dr. Hope Avundah
Ex-officio 2

NMA Rivers State SOC Leadership Retreat

On the 15th of August 2024, the newly elected leaders of the Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Branch, led by the State Chairman, Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro were treated to a leadership retreat. The event at the State Secretariat provided an opportunity to be educated, trained, and inspired by past state Chairmen of the Association. Some resource persons included Dr. Obelebra Adeniyi and Dr. (Prof.) Chizindu Alikor, Dr. Ebbe Robinson.

There were several sessions across different key themes required to deliver a purposeful and successful term. Some of the themes explored during the retreat include; Vision for the Future, Leadership Development, Collaboration and Team Building, Strategic Planning, Wellness and balance, Networking and connection. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the first State Officers Committee (SOC) and all SOC members filled out their asset declaration forms



NMA Holds First National Executive Council Meeting Under Dr. (Prof.) Bala M. Audu, Highlights Critical Health Sector Issues

Faithful Miebaka Daniel



The Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), under the leadership of Dr. (Prof.) Bala M. Audu, convened its first National Executive Council (NEC) meeting at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) in Borno State. The event, held from August 20th to 23rd, 2024, brought together key stakeholders to address pressing issues in the nation's healthcare sector.

The Rivers State delegation, led by Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, Chairman of the NMA Rivers State Branch, actively participated in the discussions that shaped the meeting's resolutions.

The central theme of the meeting, "Looking Inwards: The Role of Government and Health Institutions in Curbing Health

Tourism," set the tone for a series of critical deliberations. Held at the UMTH auditorium and conference centre, the NEC meeting culminated in 12 key observations and 13 resolutions to enhance Nigeria's healthcare landscape.

One of the most pressing matters discussed was the call to implement the National Policy on Health Workforce Migration fully. Delegates underscored the urgent need to curb the brain drain in the medical sector by expanding non-remuneration incentives and enhancing welfare packages and remuneration for healthcare professionals. The NMA also advocated for a universal approach to implementing the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) to prevent an

internal migration crisis among doctors and other healthcare workers.

The NMA commended the recent Supreme Court judgment on local government autonomy, expressing hope that it would open avenues to revitalise the primary health sector. The security situation in the country was another focal point, with the NMA urging security agencies to intensify efforts to secure the release of kidnapped medical professionals across Nigeria. They stressed the dire need to protect healthcare workers who risk their lives daily to provide essential services.

In a bid to strengthen the local healthcare system, the NMA appealed to the Federal Government to reduce electricity tariffs for health institutions, thereby boosting local capacity and reducing operational costs. The association also called for collaboration with the Ministry of Health to improve data collection on non-communicable diseases, which remains a critical component of national health planning and policy. In a related development following the meeting, 19 medical students and one doctor who were kidnapped in Benue State have been released, along with Dr. Olufunke Fadahunsi. However, the NMA expressed concern for Dr. Ganiyat Olawale-Popoola and Dr. Austin Uwumagbe, who have been held captive for over eight and eleven months, respectively, and remain missing. The association renewed its appeal to security forces and the government to expedite their safe return. The federal government has also announced a 50% waiver of electricity tariffs for public and private health facilities.

The NEC meeting underscored the NMA's commitment to advocating for policies that protect and empower healthcare professionals while enhancing the overall health sector. The

association remains resolute in its mission to ensure that Nigerian doctors and health institutions receive the support and security necessary to deliver quality healthcare to all citizens

NMA Rivers Chairman and Secretary Emerge SS Caucus Leaders *Siene Oluwatosin Orogun, Faithful Miebaka Daniel*



The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro and Secretary Dr. Osoma Smith have emerged as Chairman and Secretary of the South-south Caucus of the NMA at the recently concluded NEC Meeting in Borno. The Caucus Chairman and Secretary are saddled with coordinating the activities of the NMA in the South-south region for the 2024-2026 biennium. In his

acceptance speech, The Caucus Chairman, Dr Tamunokuro Diamond, pledged his commitment to the region and called for unity and collaboration to drive the affairs and effective participation of NMA South-south in the affairs of the Nigerian Medical Association.

NMA Rivers State and Rivers State Ministry of Health Intensify Anti-Quackery Measures: Two Health Facilities Shut Down

Siene Oluwatosin Orogun, Faithful Miebaka Daniel



On August 19, 2024, the Rivers State Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Rivers State, held a press briefing to announce their intensified efforts against quackery in the healthcare sector. The briefing highlighted a renewed commitment to combating illegal medical practices across the state. During the briefing, the State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Adaeze Oreh, announced the recent closure of two health facilities that were found to be operating beyond their scope of training and without the required approvals. This action forms part of a broader campaign to crack down on unregistered and unregulated medical practices to protect the health of citizens living and working in Rivers State.

Representatives from the Ministry of Health and the NMA Rivers State Chairman, Dr Diamond Tamunokuro, emphasised their determination to eradicate quackery and ensure that healthcare services in the state meet the highest standards. The initiative, they noted, is driven by the principle that "Rivers lives matter," underscoring their resolve to ensure no room for quackery remains in the state. They warned that no individual, Local Government Area, or unauthorised practice would be spared in the ongoing fight against illegal medical activities.

The officials urged all healthcare practitioners to adhere to the state's regulations. They advised practitioners to obtain yearly practising licenses to continue offering services legally and operate strictly within their expertise's limits. Practitioners were cautioned against providing medical services in unregistered health facilities. They were reminded of the need to secure permission from the Office of the Director of Medical Services before conducting medical outreaches.

Furthermore, all private practice facilities must be registered with the Rivers State Ministry of Health (RSMOH) and the Association of Nigerian Private Medical Practitioners (ANPMP).

The press briefing concluded with a solid call to action, urging medical professionals to comply with these guidelines as the state intensifies its efforts to eliminate quackery. The Ministry and NMA reiterated their zero-tolerance policy, promising to continue rigorous inspections and enforcement across all Local Government Areas. They emphasised that their commitment to protecting the lives of Rivers State residents is unwavering, with a firm declaration that no practitioner, facility, or unauthorised practice would be left unchecked in their renewed mission to safeguard public health.

Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Engages Rivers State House of Assembly on Emergency Management Bill

Faithful Miebaka Daniel



The Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Rivers State recently participated in a public hearing organised by the Rivers State House of Assembly (RSHA) on the proposed bill to establish the Rivers State Emergency Management Agency. The NMA played a pivotal role in the discussions, contributing valuable technical insights to refine the bill.

The NMA's eight-member health sector delegation made substantial contributions during the hearing, presenting a detailed technical document to the Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly. The association expressed hope that its expert recommendations would guide legislators in making crucial modifications to the bill before its third reading and eventual passage.

The delegation included a distinguished team of professionals: Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro (Chairman, NMA

Rivers State), Dr. Osoma Smith (NMA State Secretary), Dr. Agiriye Agba Harry (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Special Duties), Dr. Ojums Sylvanus (Director of Emergency Medical Services, Rivers State Ministry of Health), Dr. Ebbe Robinson (IPC), Dr. Edward Ikpea (Head of Department, Emergency Medicine, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital), Dr. Hope Avundaa (IPS), and Dr. Ipalibo George (Former Member, RSHA). The NMA's participation underscores its commitment to shaping policies that enhance the state's emergency response framework. By leveraging the expertise of its members, the NMA aims to ensure that the final bill aligns with best practices and adequately addresses the complex demands of emergency management in Rivers State.

Promotions/Appointment/Awards

Appointments

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, the SOC and the SEC celebrate Prof Sydney Ibeanusi on his appointment as Chairman of the Technical Working Committee on implementing the Nigerian Health Professionals in Diaspora Engagement Programme set up by the Federal Ministry of Health. The State Chairman conveys the best wishes of the association for a successful tenure.



The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, the SOC and the SEC celebrate Dr. Rowland Obed Whyte, recently sworn in as Commissioner. We believe that you will excel in service. The State Chairman conveys the best wishes of the association to you for a successful tenure.

Promotion



Hearty Congratulations to dear Dr. Mekele Comfort Igwe on your recent appointment as Permanent secretary Designate by the Executive Governor of Rivers State, Sir Siminialayi Fubara GSSRS, KSC.

This is an appointment deserved and we wish you a successful tenure and pray for God's guidance in your new office.

Awards



Nigeria Medical
Association Rivers State

Congratulates



**DR ECHEDIKE-ELEKWA
ONYINYECHI CHRISTABEL**

Senior Registrar, Community Medicine Department, UPTH

Emerging as the best Membership
Candidate for the Combined October
2023 and April 2024 Part 1 examination
for the Faculty of Public Health, West
College of Physicians.

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State, led by Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, heartily felicitates and congratulates **Dr. Onyinyechi Echedike-Elekwa**, who emerged as the best candidate in the just concluded West African College Part 1 Examination in Public Health. The State Chairman also introduced to our dear Commissioner.

Celebration of Excellence



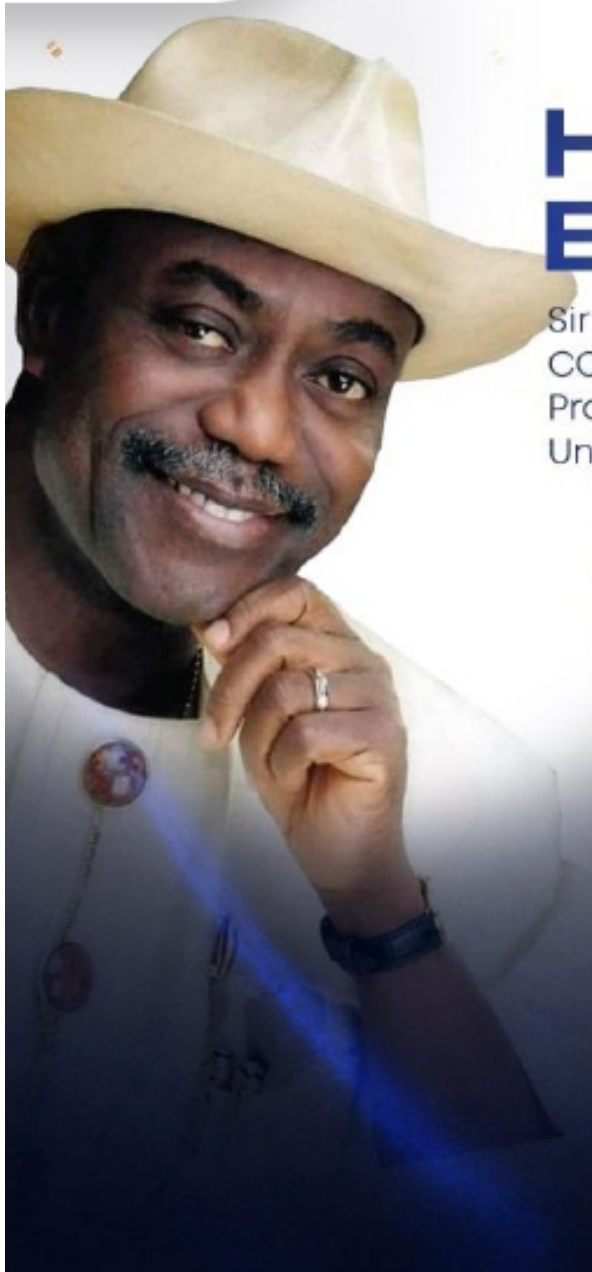
Faithful Daniel with the British High Commissioner in Abuja

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State, led by Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, congratulates Dr. Faithful Miebaka Daniel, who emerged as a Chevening Scholarship Recipient for 2024/2025. Dr. Miebaka Daniel won the coveted scholarship awarded by the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office and was awarded at a Dinner upon invitation by the British High Commissioner. After a series of highly competitive rounds, he would proceed as one of 32 Nigerians selected from 10750 applicants. He is to study for an MSc. in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London

Birthday Celebrations



NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Rivers State Branch



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sir (Dr.) Peter Otunuya Odili
CON, KCSGG, GSSRS, KSJI
Pro Chancellor of PAMO
University of Medical Sciences.,

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, the SOC and the SEC celebrate with our distinguished Medical elder and colleague, the outstanding Chancellor of PAMO University of Medical Sciences and former Governor of Rivers State, His Excellency Sir (Dr.) Peter Otunuya Odili CON, KCSGG, GSSRS, KSJI were on the occasion of his birthday. The State Chairman led a delegation to the State Commissioner of Health Dr. Adaeze Oreh where a photo portrait was received on behalf of the birthday celebrant.



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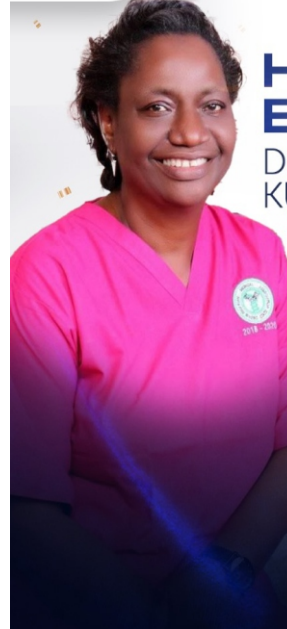
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. AGIRIYE A. HARRY

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR OYENEYE KUNMI IJERU

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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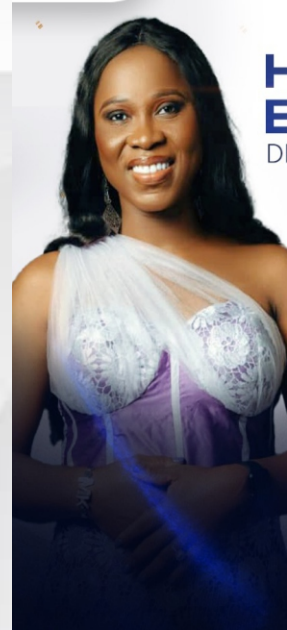
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. Nimi Briggs

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY


DR REHAN BEREPELE

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PROF . KENNEDY NYENGIDIKI

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR NWANZE NENNA MARY

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Venerable (Dr.) Daka Iyaeneomi Ransom

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR. IJEOMA OPPAH

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR LESLIE CHIAYIBUOTO
ERNEST-EKWE

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR EKECHI AMADI

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR. ASSUMPTA CHAPP-JUMBO
Professor of Paediatrics

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR. EDWARD IKPAE

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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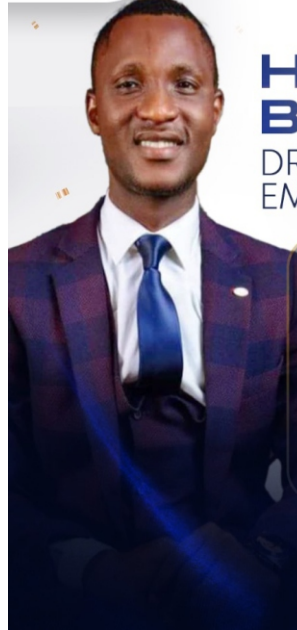
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr Rowland Obed Whyte

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR. WOBO EMMANUEL

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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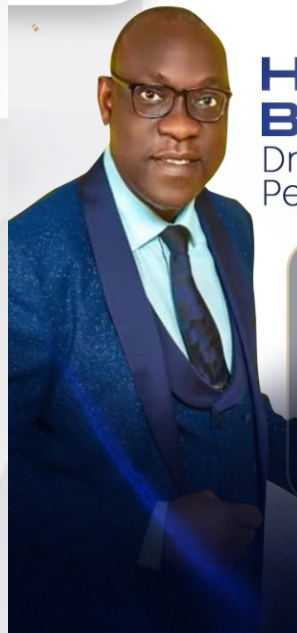
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. A. U. Eneh
Professor of Paediatrics
(Neonatology)

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Dr Alex Atamah Pepple

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Dr G.O.C Wosu

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Dr Femi Audu
Fin. Secretary
NMA Rivers State

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

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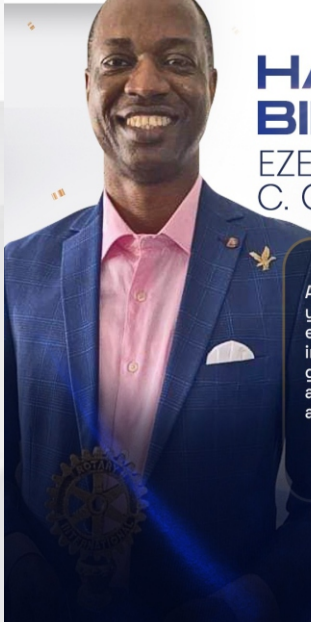
Dr. A. OVUSIKE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY


EZE (DR.) GOLDEN C. OWHONDA

As you mark a new year, may your experience be positive in advancement, greater in achievement and fulfilling in accomplishment.

Cheers




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR FOLUSHO ALAMINA

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)
RIVERS STATE BRANCH



HAPPY BIRTHDAY


DR CHINWE ATATA

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)
RIVERS STATE BRANCH


Happy Birthday!



DR. TOCHI UCHENWA


20:08

May this year bring you endless blessings and fulfillment in all areas of your life.



NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)
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Happy Birthday!



DR. L. FORTUNE NWATE

18:08

May this year bring you endless blessings and fulfillment in all areas of your life.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR BOMA BANIGO

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR TONDOR UZOSIKE

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR PATRICIA OKOCHA

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR G. C. ASAMOLE

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR ROSELINE AMGBARA
Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR MARIA SY-ONWUKA
Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR ERNEST NWAFOR
Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR TEINYE ISOKARIARI
Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR STELLA N. COOKEY

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR KELECHI ERIJO

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR. FRANCES ADIUKWU N.

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DR. FRANCISCA ISUO

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR. F. ROBERT
PROFESSOR OF MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR. V. DAN-JUMBO

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR. PRINCEWILL UKOT

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR G. BASSEY
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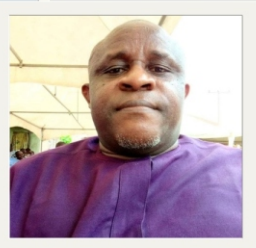
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Happy Birthday!



DR. DEEKIA B. LEBARI


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May this year bring you endless blessings and fulfillment in all areas of your life.



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DR. S.A. UZOIGWE
PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY

Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and may this new year of your life bring you countless blessings, success, and happiness.



The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman, Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, the SOC and the SEC celebrate with our distinguished colleague Dr. Precious Gbeneol on her birthday celebration. The State Chairman was in attendance at the birthday Celebration.



The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State Chairman Dr Diamond Tamunokuro, on behalf of the SOC, SEC and the entire members of the Nigerian Medical Association Rivers state branch joyfully congratulates and celebrates with our own Lolo Dr Esther Okafor on her 50th Birthday Celebration. We Wish you all the best Ma as you embark on this new chapter of your Life.

NMA Rivers State Chairman Receives MWAN President on Courtesy Visit, Pledges Collaboration

Olalade Akanni, Faithful Miebaka Daniel



The Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Rivers State Chairman, Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, recently welcomed the State President of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN), Dr. Cecilia Nwibubasa, during a courtesy visit at the NMA House. Dr. Nwibubasa congratulated Dr. Tamunokuro on his recent electoral victory and reaffirmed MWAN Rivers' solidarity as an affiliate body of the NMA. She emphasised the importance of strengthening ties between MWAN and NMA, seeking support for the upcoming MWAN Week, scheduled from 6th to 12th October 2024 at the NMA House.

In his response, Dr. Tamunokuro thanked Dr. Nwibubasa for her visit and congratulatory message. He assured her of the NMA's commitment to fostering a stronger partnership with MWAN Rivers,

particularly in enhancing school health programs and other community health initiatives. To mark the occasion, Dr. Tamunokuro, alongside his State Officers' Committee members Dr. Smith Osoma and Dr. Tosin Orogun, presented souvenirs to Dr. Nwibubasa and the MWAN secretary as a token of appreciation for their visit.



Topic:

Monkeypox Outbreak

RHYTHM
93.7FM

Today 21/08/2024

9:00am

DR
CHINELO
OKUEFUNA

Topic:
PNEUMONIA

TREASURE
98.5FM

Today 28/08/2024

9:00am

DR. MICHAEL OJO

NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RIVERS STATE

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State has embarked on a number of public health enlightenment and medical engagement on topical issues of public health importance. Dr. Michael Ojo presented a talk on Pneumonia on 28th August 2024, while Dr. Chinelo Okuefuna spoke on Monkeypox on 29th August 2024 Rhythm 93.7 FM Port Harcourt.

NMA Commemoration of Days of Public Health Importance

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NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Rivers State Branch

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Theme: **#ActingForHumanity**

Every act of kindness is a step towards a better world. Together, we can turn compassion into action and hope into change.
#WorldHumanitarianDay

19th Aug
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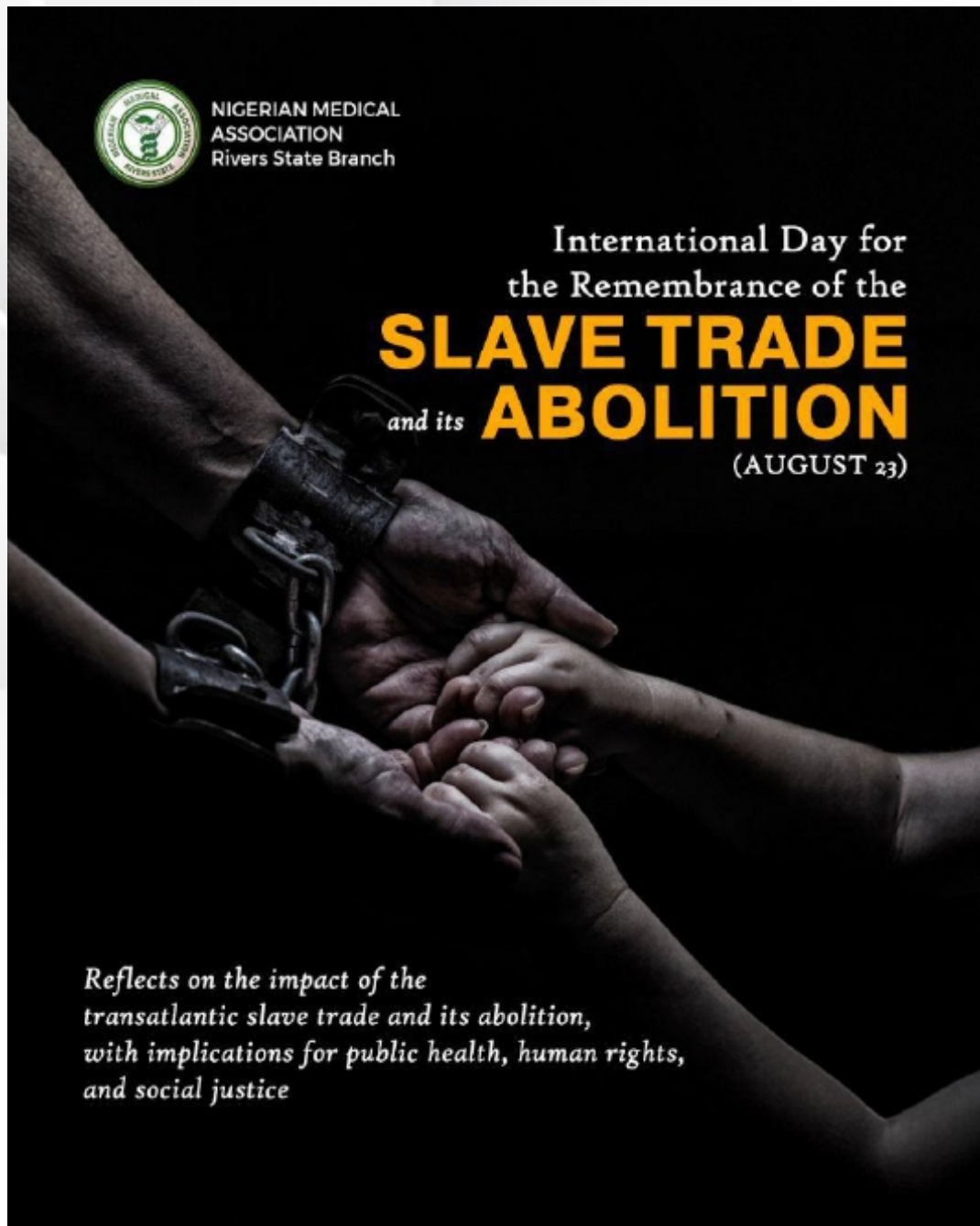
WORLD MOSQUITO

THEME: Accelerating the
fight against malaria for a
more equitable world

Day



Commemorating the discovery that mosquitoes
transmit malaria, raising awareness about malaria and
other mosquito-borne diseases.



On World Humanitarian Day (August 19th), the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Rivers Branch, led by Chairman Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, joins the global community in promoting humanitarian actions under the theme #ActingForHumanity. This commitment reflects NMA's ongoing support for vulnerable populations, including flood victims, internally displaced persons, the elderly, and those with special needs. On World Mosquito Day (August 20th), NMA Rivers State, led by Dr. Tamunokuro and the NMA Rivers publicity team, emphasised awareness of mosquito-borne diseases, including malaria, dengue, and Zika, while advocating for research and prevention strategies. On August 23rd, International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, NMA Rivers State honoured the resilience of those who fought for freedom and equality, reaffirming a commitment to building a just future. Across these observances, the NMA Rivers remains dedicated to compassion, advocacy, and collective action towards a better world for all.

Feature Articles

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Abstract

Background

Historically, viruses have impaired the functionality of human systems. The discovery of novel viruses and the resurgence of established strains heighten concerns about their implications for reproduction. In the aftermath of COVID-19, research efforts have intensified to broaden the understanding of the severe acute respiratory syndrome

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WHO Declares Mpox a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, Rivers State confirms two cases and prepared to handle the outbreak

Faithful Miebaka Daniel



On August 13, 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the rise in mpox cases a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) following a meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee. This declaration represents the highest level of alarm under international health law. WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, convened the meeting to assess the global threat posed by ongoing mpox outbreaks, previously known as monkeypox. This decision aligned with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which had declared mpox a public health

emergency just 24 hours earlier. Mpox cases have surged across several African countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. By mid-August, over 14,000 cases and 524 deaths had been reported, a significant increase from 2023. The emergence of highly transmissible and deadly clades, particularly clade 1b, has heightened concerns about further spread.

Dr. Tedros emphasised the need for a coordinated international response, highlighting the urgency of addressing outbreak drivers, enhancing surveillance, and implementing community-focused interventions.

regional response plan requiring \$15

million for immediate support, partially funded by \$1.45 million from the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies. Two WHO-approved vaccines are currently in use, with an Emergency Use Listing (EUL) initiated to boost vaccine production, especially for lower-income countries.

Standing recommendations under the IHR have been extended for another year to support countries in managing the ongoing risk of mpox. In Rivers State, the State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Adaeze Oreh, confirmed two cases on

August 20, 2024. The State Public Health Emergency Operations Center was activated, and training for ad-hoc staff began promptly. Infectious disease units in state and federal hospitals are prepared for active case management while tracking, monitoring, and screening efforts are underway, including at ports of entry. Plans are in place to upgrade existing PCR laboratories for faster testing. Infection prevention and control protocols have been distributed to hospitals, and practitioners are encouraged to use PPEs provided at these centres.

Dr. Tedros reiterated WHO's commitment to working with affected countries to curb transmission, treat the infected, and save lives as the world confronts this escalating health crisis.

Condolences

The Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State was represented as members of our dear association, which had been laid to rest in the past month.



Exit of a **RARE GEM**

With heavy hearts but in total submission to the will of God Almighty, we, the Nwadiuto family of Amagu village Ukwulu, Dunukofia Local Govt Area of Anambra State

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE
BURIAL CEREMONY
of our dear Son, Father, Husband, Brother, Uncle

Late Sir. Engr.
Onyekwelu
NWADIUTO
(B.Eng, M.Eng, FNSE, FNICE, KSP)

BURIAL ARRANGEMENT

FRIDAY 23rd Aug,
Service of Songs @
St. Jude's Military Church,
#33 Birabe St. GRA, PH
Time: 5pm



THURSDAY 29th Aug, 2024
Service of Songs @ His family home, Amagu Village, Ukwulu. **Time: 5:30pm**

SATURDAY 31st Aug, 2024
Condolence visits by families, friends, relatives, etc. continues

FRIDAY 30th Aug, 2024
Funeral Service @ Immanuel Ang. Church Ukwulu. **Time: 10am**

Survived by Wife, Sons, Daughters, Brothers, Sisters, and other relations

Adieu Onyee

Signed: Engr. Obinna Nwadiuto For the family

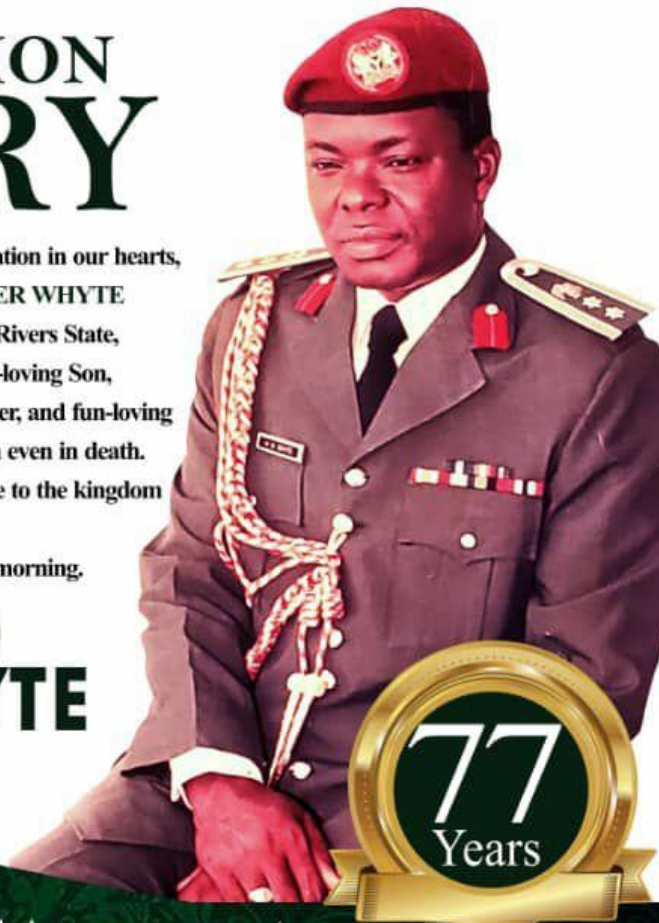
The Chairman, Dr Diamond Tamunokuro, and the entire NMA Rivers Community commiserate with our dear member, Dr. Ifeoma Nwadiuto, on the burial of her late husband, Late Sir Engr. Onyekwelu Nwadiuto. The Service of songs took place on the 23rd of August, 2024 in Port Harcourt. NMA prays God will continue to give Dr Ifeoma Nwadiuto and the entire family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

TRANSITION TO GLORY

With gratitude to God, and love and admiration in our hearts,
the family of **LATE WILLIAM TYGER WHYTE**
of Abonnema, Akuku-Toru L.G.A of Rivers State,
announce the glorious exit of a peace-loving Son,
Brother, Uncle, loving Husband, great Father, and fun-loving
Grandfather whose light can never dim even in death.
May his exit lead as many souls as possible to the kingdom
of our Heavenly Father.

Sleep on Dad till the resurrection morning.

LATE COL (DR)
HOPE WHYTE
1947-2024



Burial Arrangements

Service of Songs

DATE: Wed. 21st August 2024 (5:00PM)
VENUE: Ecumenical Centre, Port-Harcourt,
Rivers State

Funeral Service

DATE: Sat. 24th August 2024 (10:00AM)
VENUE: Market Square By Town Hall
Abonnema, Akuku-Toru L.G.A
Rivers State

FOR THE FAMILY

Chief Richmond Danagogo O. T. Standfast Jack
(Acting Head Tubohiya Group of Houses)
Chief John Whyte
Chief Tonye W. W. Whyte

The Chairman, Dr. Diamond Tamunokuro, and the entire NMA Rivers Community commiserate with our dear Colleague Dr. Mina Whyte, on the burial of her father, Late Col. Dr. Hope Whyte. The funeral ceremony occurred on 24th August 2024 at Abonnema, Akuku Toru LGA, Rivers State, by 10 am. NMA prays God will continue to give Dr. Mina Whyte and the entire family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Burial Ceremony

The Chairman, Dr Diamond Tamunokuro, medical elders, executives of MDCAN UPTH/RSGH and members of NMA Rivers state today participated in the final burial rites for late Hon Samuel Pie Ikpea, the father of **Dr Edward Ikpea**, HOD acute care, Emergency Medicine Department , UPTH at Zaakpon in khana LGA of Rivers State.

May God grant Dr Edward and the entire family of the Ikpaes the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Dr Siene Orogun
PRO
NMA Rivers
17-08-2024

The Chairman, Dr Diamond Tamunokuro*, members of the Association and staff of Emergency Medicine department UPTH were today present at Osusu Abala autonomous community, Isiala Ngwa North LGA of Abia state to participate in the burial of **late Lady Joanna Nwaorie Elele**, mother of **Dr Chukwuemeka Obinna Elele**.

NMA prays God to continue to give Dr Elele and the entire family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Dr Siene Orogun
PRO
NMA Rivers
16-08-2024

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