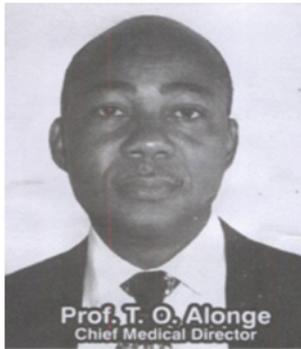


HISTORY OF THE HOSPITAL – From UCH Strategic Plan 2007-2011



The University College Hospital, Ibadan was established by an Act of Parliament in November 1952 in response to the need for the training of Medical Personnel and other Healthcare Professionals for the Country (Nigeria) and the West African Sub-region. The establishment of the Hospital was sequel to the recommendation of a Visitation Panel that was set up in 1951 to assess the facilities for the Clinical Postings of Medical students registered for M.B.B.S. degree of the University of London following the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine in the University College, Ibadan (now University of Ibadan) in 1948. The Visitation Panel, led by Dr. T.F. Hunt of the University of London rejected the enhanced facilities provided by the Government/Native Authority Hospital at Adeoyo, Ibadan.

The University College Hospital (UCH) is strategically located in the city of Ibadan, which was then the largest city in West Africa and the seat of the first University in Nigeria. The physical development of the hospital commenced in 1953 in its present site and was formally commissioned after completion on 20th November, 1957.

The University College Hospital, Ibadan was initially commissioned with 500 bed spaces, 111 staff, comprising 41 Medical, 34 Nursing, 18 Technical Laboratory and 18 Administrative Staff.

Presently the Hospital has 863 bed spaces with more than 400 Medical and Dental Staff, 1200 Nursing Staff and about 190 Laboratory Staff. The current bed occupancy ranges from 55-70%.

The Hospital and the University of Ibadan function in excellent symbiosis and it is impossible to think of one without the other, in the areas of Health Manpower Training, Research and Clinical Services. This functional interdependence was emphasized from inception through the appointment of the Chairman of the Provisional Council of the University college, (now University of Ibadan), Ibadan as the first Chairman of the Board of Management of the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

In addition to undergraduate medical programme (based in the College of Medicine of the University of Ibadan), the UCH also provides facilities for:- Postgraduate Residency Training Programmes in almost all specialties including Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Otorhinolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Anaesthesia, Laboratory Medicine, Psychiatry, Community Medicine, General Medical Practice (Family Medicine), Radiology, Radiotherapy, Dentistry and Nuclear Medicine. The University College Hospital, Ibadan also provides diploma/professional programmes in the School of Nursing, School of Midwifery, School of Medical Laboratory Sciences, School of Health Records and Statistics, Environmental Health Officers Tutors Courses, Primary Health Care Tutors Course, Community Health Officers Tutors Course, Nurse/Midwife/Public Health Nurse Tutors Course, Post-registration Courses in Nursing e.g. Peri-operative Nursing and Occupational Health Nursing Plaster Room Technician and Anaesthetic Technician Training Programmes. Also, the Hospital has in-house Continuous Education Programmes for Nurses and Midwives in Administration and Management (CEPNAM).

The Hospital is primarily an ideal Tertiary Institution but it has appendages of community based outreach activities at Igbo-Ora, Abedo, Okuku, Sepeteri, Elesu, Jago where the Hospital offers Secondary and Primary Health Care.

The Hospital has 56 service and Clinical Departments and runs 96 consultative Out-patient Clinical weekly in 50 specialty and Sub-specialty disciplines. In addition to the College of Medicine, the Hospital “houses” a Virus Research Laboratory, a WHO Collaborating Centre of Immunology and an Institute of Advanced Medical Research and Training (IAMRAT). The WHO Regional T.B. Laboratory is cited in the Hospital in addition to the Special Treatment Clinic (S.T.C.), a state of the art Clinic for Research, Training and Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (apart from offering clinical services for people living with HIV/AIDS). In 2005, the first Nuclear Medicine facility in Nigeria was established in the hospital. In addition, the Federal Ministry of Health has also given approval to the hospital now for the establishment of an Institute of Neuro-Sciences. Satellite Pharmacies are provided on each specialty floor for easy access for the procurement of medication for patients on admission. The hospital has a multidisciplinary pain clinic, Hospice Service in

addition to a fully established unit to cater for the terminally ill patients.

Updates from the College of Medicine, Schools and Human Resource shows that the Hospital has trained (since its inception) 6,051 Doctors, 501 Dentists, 4,513 Nurses, 2,307 Midwives, 471 Peri-operative Nurses, 1,062 Laboratory Scientists, 576 Environmental Health Officer Tutors, 451 Nurse/Midwife/Public Health Care Tutors, 590 Community Health Officers, 640 Physiotherapists, 551 Health Information Management Personnel (formerly referred to as Medical Record Officers) and 1,394 Resident Doctors.

The patients' turn-out in the Accident and Emergency (A & E) Department of the University College Hospital averages 6,000 annually and about 150,000 new cases are attended to through the various clinics every year. In 2001, the million clientele mark was attained. Due to the aforementioned facilities, manpower and track record, the University College Hospital enjoys wide patronage of both national and international clientele.

The management of the University College Hospital Ibadan spurred by the Federal Government of Nigeria/VAMED efforts in refurbishing the Teaching Hospitals has taken steps to widen the scope of services provided by the Hospital. With the refurbishment of the Hospital under the FGN/VAMED arrangement, the Hospital has trained its medical personnel for updates course in anticipation of the commencement of the open heart surgery. In May 2006, a medical team of 13 from the United States in collaboration with UCH Surgical Team successfully performed open heart surgery on three Paediatric patients in the Hospital.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure of the hospital consists of a Board of Management which was established by an Act of Parliament No. 26 in 1952 with powers to formulate policies and provide supervisory control

on the day-to-day administration of the Hospital. The act was amended by the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards) Act No. 74 of 1979 which six years later, was succeeded by the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Decree 10 of 1985 which is deemed to have come into operation on 1st January, 1985. Section 7 of the 1985 decree gives the Board wide powers: to do anything which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out its functions" and these include the duty of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating appropriate facilities for the institution of medical students and other health personnel.

It is in pursuit of these statutory duties that the University College Hospital, Ibadan Board of Management had, since 1977, formally established a Residency Training Programme and determined the ground rules for its operations. In determining the rules and regulations governing the administration of the programme, the Board consulted widely with professional associations, postgraduate examining bodies nationally and internationally from groups and individuals, and the Department of Hospitals Services in the Federal Ministry of health, in order to ensure excellence in programme content and effective implementation.

In November 20th this year, the University College Hospital, Ibadan clocked 54 years. The theme of the 54th anniversary was "Rebirth of Excellence" which underscores the great achievement and contribution the hospital has recorded so far and the commitment of this present administration to ensure that the hospital fulfil its enormous potential.

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