



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of the Editor

Welcome to the maiden edition of the SOGON Lagos Sector Newsletter! This publication represents a significant milestone in our journey to amplify the voices and initiatives of our association. Through these pages, we celebrate our collective achievements, honour our heroes, and share inspiring stories that highlight the unwavering dedication of SOGON members to advancing maternal and reproductive health. From insightful reflections on the 58th AGM & Scientific Conference in Uyo to heartfelt tributes, impactful training sessions, and our meaningful engagements with stakeholders, this edition is a testament to our shared mission. We invite you to explore, reflect, and celebrate the incredible work we continue to achieve together.



58TH AGM & SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE



The 58th Annual General Meeting & Scientific Conference of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON), held from November 26th to 30th at Ibom Hall in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, proved to be a resounding success. The conference, themed "Sustaining Quality Maternal & Child Health in a Challenging Economy," brought together leading experts in the field for insightful discussions on crucial topics such as the prevention of gynecological cancers, gender-based violence mitigation, and enhancing family planning services. The event also featured enriching hands-on workshops on gynecological cancer, labor care, and statistical training, providing valuable practical skills to attendees. The conference undoubtedly served as a platform for impactful knowledge exchange and professional development, contributing significantly to the advancement of maternal and child health care in Nigeria.



58th AGM & Scientific SOGON Conference



A Glimpse into SOGON Lagos's Uyo Adventures"

Upper Picture: Witness the grandeur of the occasion as National SOGON Excos and delegates pay a courtesy visit to the King's palace in Uyo.

Left Picture: Prof. Yusuf Oshodi, our esteemed Vice Chairman, captivates the audience with his insightful LDI lecture during the Uyo conference.

Picture Below: Capture the moment: Chairman Prof. Abidoye Gbadegehin and other delegates actively participate in the dynamic AGM meeting.



Professor Oluwarotimi Akinola also delivered a lecture on 'The Role of Progesterone (Utrogestan) in preventing Preterm Birth' at the conference.



SOGON Lagos Visits Office of the First Lady



In a significant step towards strengthening community engagement, some SOGON Lagos elders and executives, led by the chairman, on the 22nd of November 2024, paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-olu, the respected First Lady of Lagos State. Facilitated by Prof. Adetokunbo O. Fabamwo, CMD LASUTH, the visit provided a valuable platform to express sincere appreciation for Dr. Sanwo-olu's unwavering commitment to improving women's health within the state. Fruitful deliberations explored avenues for future collaborations between SOGON Lagos and her office. Notably, the Volunteer Obstetrician Service Scheme was highlighted as one of SOGON's key initiatives aimed at significantly reducing maternal mortality rates, fostering a productive dialogue on how to further strengthen this vital program.



Retirement of a SOGON Icon: Prof. Rose Arnolu



The Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) proudly joined in celebrating the remarkable career of Prof. Rose Ihuoma Anorlu during her valedictory programme on November 13, 2024, at the Old Great Hall, College of Medicine, University of Lagos. After decades of outstanding service and unwavering dedication, Prof. Anorlu retired, leaving



behind an enduring legacy, particularly in the fight against cervical cancer—a cause to which she devoted much of her career. The highlight of the event was a lecture titled "Mitigating the Scourge of Cervical Cancer in Nigeria," delivered by the esteemed Prof. Oluwarotimi Ireti Akinola, Head of the Gynaecology Unit at the Lagos State University College of Medicine. We honor Prof. Anorlu's contributions and wish her a fulfilling retirement.

SOGON Lagos ExcCos Visit LASUTH CMD



On November 22, 2024, a delegation of SOGON Lagos executives, led by the Lagos Sector Chairman, Prof. Abidoye Gbadegesin, paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Medical Director of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Prof. Adetokunbo O. Fabamwo. During the visit, Prof. Fabamwo was decorated with the association’s muffer, a gesture recognizing his invaluable contributions to SOGON and the advancement of maternal and child health. The meeting yielded positive outcomes, including facilitating a follow-up visit to the First Lady of Lagos State, furthering SOGON Lagos’ mission to enhance healthcare initiatives in the state.

Empowering Healthcare: Reproductive Health VCAT Training




Reproductive Health Value Clarification and Attitude Transmission (VCAT) Training
Tuesday 9th July, 2024

When addressing abortion-related issues, it's essential to separate our personal biases from the professional perspective. VCAT emphasizes this point as it considers our attitude and its impact on the overall outcome.

Prof Abidoeye Gbadegesin
Chairman SOGON, Lagos Sector

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The Reproductive Health VCAT Training, held on Tuesday, 9th July 2024, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Lagos Ikeja, brought together healthcare professionals to explore the critical role of values and attitudes in reproductive health services. Prof. Abidoeye Gbadegesin, Chairman of SOGON Lagos Sector, opened the session by highlighting the importance of separating personal biases from professional responsibilities, especially in sensitive areas like abortion care. This transformative workshop highlights SOGON's dedication to fostering professional growth, reshaping perspectives, and empowering healthcare providers to deliver unbiased, patient-centered reproductive health services.



Reproductive Health Value Clarification and Attitude Transmission (VCAT) Training
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"Overcoming bias and ensuring confidential care is essential, especially for adolescents and young adults. By promoting inclusive and non-judgmental care, we can reduce barriers and improve sexual health outcomes for all."

Prof. Yusuf Oshodi
Vice President, Sogon Lagos Sector.

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"In no case should abortion be promoted as a method of Family Planning and prevention of unwanted pregnancy must be accorded the highest priority."

Dr. Babasola Okusanya
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, College of Medicine, University of Lagos.

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The 3 'D's of Abortion:
Destigmatized
Decriminalized
Demedicalized

Dr. Kehinde S. Okunade
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, CMU
Secretary, Program Director, SOGON Lagos Sector.

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Happy Birthday: Celebrating SOGON Lagos Members

Happy Birthday

Dr. Kasali Oluwakemi Kafayat

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire




Courtesy: SOGON Lagos sector

Another Year of Greatness

Happy Birthday!

Dr Kehinde Okunade

May this new year bring you as much joy, success, and fulfillment as you've brought to so many lives. Here's to celebrating you today and always!



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Happy Birthday

Dr. Ifemeje Arafat Azumi

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire




Courtesy: SOGON Lagos sector

Happy Birthday!

DR. OLUTAYO ADEYEMI ALALADE

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire



Happy Birthday

Dr. IDAYAT ADEJUMOKE

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire




Courtesy: SOGON Lagos sector

Happy Birthday

Dr. FASINA ABIODUN BABATUNDE

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire




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Happy Birthday

Dr. Abiodun Adegoke

Wishing you the happiest and brightest day ever! May you have all the happiness you desire



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday Prof. K. A Rabi

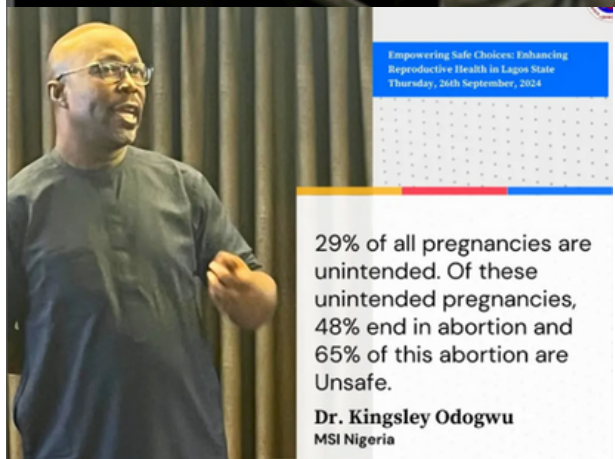


Empowering Safe Choices: Enhancing Reproductive Health in Lagos State

The Lagos Sector of SOGON held the impactful Safe Choices event on Thursday, 26th September 2024, at The Sojourner by Genesis Hotel, GRA Ikeja, Lagos. This groundbreaking program brought together healthcare professionals, advocates, and stakeholders to discuss safer reproductive health options for women in Lagos and beyond.

Dr. Abosede Lewu delivered a powerful session on lessons from other states and countries regarding abortion self-medication. She emphasized the need for multidisciplinary partnerships to address this issue effectively and enhance patient safety. Valuable insights were also shared on supporting women's health and well-being, reinforcing SOGON's commitment to advocating for safer reproductive choices.

The event was a resounding success, enabling dialogue and collaboration to empower healthcare providers with the knowledge and tools needed to improve reproductive health outcomes. Together, we continue to champion safe, informed choices for women in Lagos and across Nigeria.



Honoring the Fallen: Our Fallen Heroes

Emeritus Professor Augustine A. E. Orhue

Born on May 15, 1947, in Oredo LGA, Benin City, Edo State, Professor Augustine A. E. Orhue was a distinguished Nigerian obstetrician and gynecologist whose legacy spans academia, clinical practice, and religious service. A former Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Benin and a retired Consultant at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, he was also recognized as a Fellow of numerous esteemed medical and academic institutions.

Prof. Orhue served as Surgeon General and Grand President of the Knight of St. John International (KSJI), embodying his devout Catholic faith. A proud father of nine children, he passed away on November 20, 2024, leaving an indelible mark on his profession and community.

We honor his life, his immense contributions, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.



Celebration of life

With gratitude to God Almighty for a life well spent.
The Ubakanma family of Uru-Orji Ogidi in Anambra State announce the passing unto glory of our beloved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Cousin

**DR. OBIORA NWOKEDI
BERNARD UBAKANMA**
(Akunnia)
1942 – 2024

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Service of Songs: **Funeral service:**
Date: Tuesday 14th of January 2025. Saturday, January 18, 2025
Venue: Grace Hall, Mountain Of Fire @Dr. Obi Ubakanma's compound,
And Miracles Ministries 13 Olasimbo Street, Uru-Orji, Ogidi. Near Afor-Igwe Market,
By Unilag 2nd Gate, Onike, Yaba, Anambra State.
Lagos 100213, Nigeria.
Parking Vehicles Within Unilag
Time: 4-6pm

Interment/reception:
Immediately after Service
@Dr. Obi Ubakanma's compound,
Uru-Orji, Ogidi. Near Afor-Igwe Marke
Anambra State.

Dr. Obi Ubakanma

Born on August 22, 1942, in Lafiaji, Lagos, Dr. Obi Ubakanma was a beloved patriarch of the Ubakanma family of Uru-Orji Ogidi, Idemili-North LGA, Anambra State. A devoted husband to the late Mrs. Ifeyinwa Ubakanma (née Amobi), he lived a life marked by faith, family, and service.

Dr. Ubakanma passed away peacefully on November 2, 2024, at the age of 82, in the comfort of his home after attending an evening church service. His legacy lives on in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, and loved ones. We honor his remarkable life and pray for his eternal rest.

Dr. Olanrewaju David Kelekun, peacefully departed on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at the age of 51, after a brief illness.

Dr. Kelekun was a devoted husband to Adenike and a loving father to Moyosoreoluwa, Mojubaoluwa, and Modesireoluwa.

As Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Orile-Agege General Hospital, he was a remarkable leader who significantly contributed to reducing maternal mortality and transforming the department. His legacy of compassion, excellence, and dedication to healthcare will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Honoring the Fallen: Our Fallen Heroes

**In Memory of Dr Habib Muhammed Sadauki (1954–2024):*****The immediate past president of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON)***

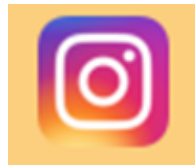
In 2024, we bid farewell to an extraordinary leader and mentor, Dr. Habib Sadauki, whose passing on the 16th of September left an irreplaceable void in the medical community and beyond. A man of immense humility, dedication, and vision, Dr. Sadauki's contributions to women's health and healthcare delivery in Nigeria were profound and far-reaching. His journey began at Barewa College and Ahmadu Bello University, where he honed his passion for medicine, eventually becoming a distinguished gynecologist and an influential advocate for maternal and child health.

As a co-founder of Premier Clinic, Kano, and former Executive Secretary of the Kano State Hospital Management Board, Dr. Sadauki reshaped healthcare delivery in the region. His tenure as National President of SOGON was marked by groundbreaking initiatives that continue to impact women's health. Dr. Sadauki's influence extended to his hometown of Gwarzo, where his efforts led to the establishment of a School of Midwifery, the expansion of Gwarzo General Hospital, and numerous community health programs. His legacy serves as a guiding light for future generations, reminding us of the power of service, compassion, and dedication. May his memory inspire us all to continue his mission of improving lives.

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