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President's Foreword

Dear Esteemed Elders, Fellows, Members, & Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Nigerian Society for Haematology and Blood Transfusion (NSHBT), I welcome you to this Quarterly Newsletter.

This edition highlights a period of transition and progress, marked by academic milestones, professional promotions, national leadership appointments, and continued advancement in education, research, and digital engagement.

As we honour our pioneers and celebrate our members, we remain committed to collaboration, mentorship, and excellence across all subspecialties of haematology.

—Prof. Dada Korubo



Valedictory & Inaugural Academic Milestones

NSHBT proudly congratulates Professor Norah Akinola on the successful delivery of her valedictory lecture: "Haematology and I: The Importance of Mentorship and the Mercy of God" which held on Tuesday, 23rd Sept 2025 at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.



The Society also congratulates Professor Taiwo Kotila on her inaugural lecture: "Unmasking the Masquerade: The Story of Two Sister Blood Disorders" which held on Thursday, 23rd October 2025 at the University of Ibadan.



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Scientific Engagements NSHBT Working Groups

In commemoration of World Thrombosis Day, the Haemostasis & Thrombosis Working Group successfully hosted a national webinar themed: "From Head to Toe Vigilance: Prevent Thrombosis, Protect Your Health"

The Lead Speaker was Prof. Suleiman Akanmu, a renowned Haematologist and Thrombosis Expert. It also featured Clinical Case Presentations by Dr. Pamela Okorie and Dr. Emmanuel Wobo

Members are encouraged to actively participate in:

1. Haemoglobinopathy WG (Contact Dr. H. Isa)
2. Haemostasis & Thrombosis WG (Contact Dr. H. Okoye)
3. Transfusion, Transplantation & Apheresis WG (Contact Dr. A. Wazir)
4. Haemato-Oncology WG (Dr. O. Izuogunam)

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Congratulations PROFESSORS

- **Prof. Muhammad Alhaji Ndakotsu** (*Usmanu Danfodiyo University*)
- **Prof. Chilota Efobi** (*Nnamdi Azikiwe University*)
- **Prof. Halima Bello-Manga** (*Kaduna State University*)

Professional Development & Fellowship Milestones

NSHBT congratulates the following newly inducted National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (NPMCN) and West African College of Physicians (WACP) Fellows.

New Fellows - (NPMCN);

Dr. A. Tukur; Dr. O. Riman; Dr. S. Jinadu; Dr. N. J. Ndagiya; Dr. S. Musa; Dr. O. Nnachi; Dr. A. Odubona; Dr. H. M. Lawan; Dr. U. Gabriel; Dr. N. Othman; Dr. U. Ekeh; Dr. Bilambo; Dr. Ezeokoli; Dr. H. Ismail; Dr. V. Nweke

New Fellows - (WACP);

Dr. I. G. Nwankwo; Dr. C. O. Akpa; Dr. B. Billambo; Dr. A. Aboluwarin; Dr. U. O. Onayimi; Dr. M. Olu-Agunbiade



Congratulations Professors Kuliya-Gwarzo, Korubo & Fashola on your awards from the Director General of the National Blood Service Agency, Prof. Saleh Yuguda

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The Director-General of the National Blood Service Agency (NBSA) and NSHBT Vice President (Professor Saleh Yuguda), delivering a lecture at the two-day workshop on Quality Management Strategies in the Era of Emerging Technologies, organised by the Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine (ADLM) in collaboration with the African Clinical Chemistry Network (ACCN) and the Academy of Medical Science.



Some members of the NSHBT with the Executives and members of the ACCN, ADLM, and Academy of Medical Science.

IMPACT AFRICA SUMMIT

The Impact Africa Summit brings Clinical Trial stakeholders together to drive transformational healthcare solutions across Africa.



The NSHBT President alongside some members of the Society, at the Impact Africa Summit which held in Lagos from 20th - 22nd November 2025.

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NSHBT Committees & Boards

Education Committee:

- Leads the planning and delivery of NSHBT webinars and continuing professional development activities to advance education and capacity building.

ICT / Media Team:

- Coordinates publicity and digital communication, including management of the NSHBT website and social media platforms, ensuring timely dissemination of events and official announcements.

Board of Advisers:

- Provides strategic guidance and counsel to the Executive Council, in the event of complex or sensitive matters.

BOARD OF ADVISERS

- Prof. Akanmu, A.
- Maj. Gen. Amusu, T.
- Prof. Awodu, O.
- Prof. Durosimi, M.
- Prof. Enosolease, M.
- Prof. Hassan, A.
- Prof. Kulia-Gwarzo, A.
- Prof. Madu, A.
- Prof. Nwauche, C. A.
- Prof. Olatunji, O.
- Prof. Shokunbi, W.

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2-Day Training Workshop by the National Blood Service Agency

Some NSHBT members at the recently concluded two-day Training Workshop for Hospital Transfusion Committees, held in Abuja from 10th - 11th November 2025, organized by the National Blood Service Agency (NBSA).

The workshop was formally declared open by the Director-General of the NBSA, Professor Saleh Yuguda, and aimed at strengthening capacity for effective Hospital Transfusion Committees (HTCs).

Remembering an Icon

(Late) Prof. Etim Moses Essien (31 Dec. 1934 - 12 Nov. 2020) was one of Africa's foremost haematologists, whose enduring legacy continues to shape haematology and transfusion medicine in Nigeria and beyond. A pioneer of haemophilia research in Nigeria, he invented the Masia Machine for cryoprecipitate production and was a recipient of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) as well as the World Academy of Sciences Prize. NSHBT honours his exceptional scholarship, innovation, and lifelong contributions to the advancement of haematology.



(Late) Prof. Etim Moses Essien



Dr. Charles E. Nonyelu
CMAC, UNTH



Dr. Augustine Duru
National Sec-Gen., MDCAN



Prof. Olarewaju Osho
Deputy VC, UNIMED

LEADERSHIP AND NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:
NSHBT congratulates its members on recent leadership and national appointments, reflecting the growing influence of haematologists in institutional governance and professional advocacy.

These appointments underscore the confidence reposed in our members' expertise, leadership capacity, and commitment to advancing healthcare delivery, medical education, and policy development at both institutional and national levels.





NIGERIAN JOURNAL OF HAEMATOLOGY

Journal of the Nigerian Society for Haematology & Blood Transfusion



NEW NJHaem ISSUES

Two new issues of the Nigerian Journal of Haematology (NJHaem) are now available online:

-  Vol. 8 No. 1 (2024)
-  Vol. 9 No. 1 (2025)

We encourage members to read, share, submit manuscripts, respond to reviews, and invite colleagues and trainees to publish in NJH.

— Editorial Office, NJHaem

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Members are reminded to pay their membership dues promptly. These dues are vital for the smooth running of the Society and the delivery of its academic, professional, and administrative activities.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Members are reminded to settle outstanding dues promptly to avoid exclusion from the updated Membership Directory, a vital tool for networking and institutional engagement.



Dr. Augustine Duru
University of Nigeria



Dr. Kingsley Akaba
University of Calabar

NSHBT proudly congratulates our newly promoted Associate Professors of Haematology on this significant milestone in their academic careers.

**HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR DUES?**

GTB: 0161409840

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: N10,000
FULL MEMBERS: N20,000**



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MEMBER ACTIVITIES



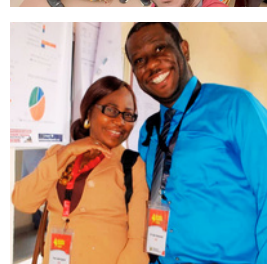
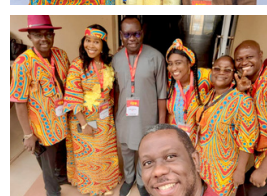
Several NSHBT members in Tunisia at AORTIC 2025 during the business meeting of the AORTIC Haematology-Oncology Research Group, with participants from several African countries, United States & Canada, and one of AORTIC's founding members, Professor CKO Williams. This photograph is also featured on the AORTIC website.

Dr. Amuh Nneka
at the Sick Cell
Sensitization
Outreach at
Achara Layout
Primary School,
Enugu

Dr. Amuh Nneka delivering an engaging and impactful session during the Sick Cell Sensitization Outreach, organized by the UNTH SCD Network educating pupils on sickle cell awareness, prevention, and care, and exemplifying outstanding professional commitment and service to community health.



FLASHBACK TO NSHBT 2025 AGSM AT JOS



Know Your NSHBT Executive Council (2025–2027)

- **President** – Prof. Kaladada Korubo
- **Vice President** – Prof. Saleh Yuguda
- **General Secretary** – Dr. Sunday Peter Ogundeji
- **Treasurer** – Dr. Bassey O. Bassey
- **Assistant General Secretary** – Dr. Aliyu D. Waziri
- **Financial Secretary** – Iheukwumere Chimeze Obinali
- **North-East Zonal Coordinator** – Dr. Rufa'i Ahmed Dachi
- **Ex-Officio I** – Prof. Omolade Awodu
- **Ex-Officio II** – Dr. Ngozi I. Ugwu
- **Editor-in-Chief** – Prof. Aisha Kuliya-Gwarzo



CLOSING REMARKS

Dear NSHBT Member, the strength of NSHBT lies in its people—our elders, our mentors, our vibrant mid-career professionals, and our emerging leaders. Let us remain united, visionary, and steadfast in advancing haematology and transfusion medicine in Nigeria.

Long live NSHBT.

Long live Haematology in Nigeria.



NSHBT at the CAPREMAN Co-Design Project

NSHBT was represented as a key stakeholder at the two-day Comprehensive Approach to the Prevention and Management of Maternal Anaemia in Nigeria (CAPREMAN) co-design workshop, held in Abuja from 24–25 November 2025. The workshop was aimed at developing national guidelines for the prevention and treatment of maternal anaemia in Nigeria.

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