

1ST QUARTER

NEWSLETTER

JAN - MAR
2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The first quarter of 2026 has been marked by strategic engagement, academic advancement, and strengthening of professional visibility across the Nigerian haematology community.

We have continued to deepen our commitment to:

- Capacity building through monthly webinars
- Recognition of excellence among members
- Strengthening professional collaboration nationally and internationally
- Advancing education in haematology and blood transfusion

This newsletter highlights key milestones and activities within the quarter.

Prof. Dada Korubo,
President, NSHBT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS (Q1 2026)

- Successful NSHBT Monthly Webinars
- Recognition and celebration of distinguished members
- Inherited Blood Disorders Leadership Forum
- NSHBT Throwback to 2025 Global Congress on Sickle Cell Disease
- Social events: Celebration of Landmark Birthdays
- Continued advocacy for financial membership compliance
- Preparation momentum toward the 50th NSHBT Annual Conference (Abuja 2026)

MEMBER RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS

Commendation Award



Prof. Wagu Marcelinus

Awarded by Edo State University, Iyamho for:

- Exceptional dedication
- Scholarly contributions
- Leadership in MBBS programme development

Academic Promotions



Prof. Ifeoma Clara Ajuba

Professor of Haematology
Nnamdi Azikiwe University



Dr. Rufa'i Dachi

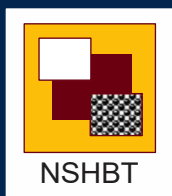
Promoted to Associate Professor
University of Bauchi

Leadership Recognition



Dr. Rufa'i Dachi

Appointed Medical Director
Federal Medical Centre, Misau



1ST QUARTER

NEWSLETTER

JAN - MAR 2026

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

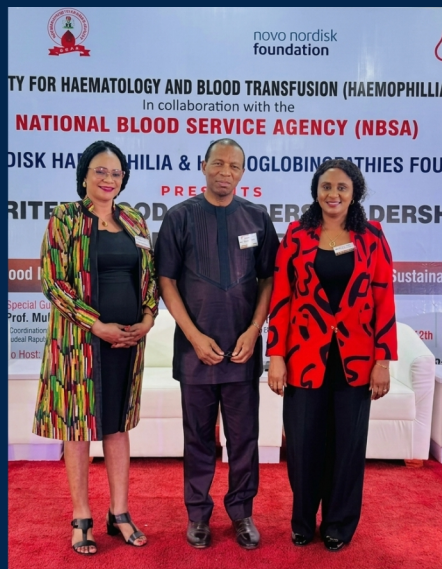
1ST INHERITED BLOOD DISORDERS LEADERSHIP FORUM

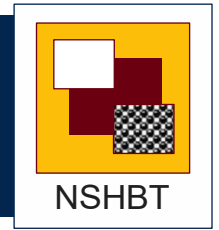
NSHBT proudly recognizes the Haemophilia Care Team, led by Prof. Omolade Awodu, alongside Prof. W. A. Shokunbi, Prof. Saleh Yuguda, Prof. Titi Adeyemo, Dr. Peter Ogudeji, Dr. Dahlat Gwarzo, Helen Okoye, and Dr. Christiana Udoh, for their exceptional dedication over more than two years in delivering this landmark forum.

In collaboration with the National Blood Service Agency and the Novo Nordisk Haemophilia Foundation, NSHBT successfully convened the Inherited Blood Disorders Leadership Forum in

Abuja, bringing together key stakeholders to advance haemophilia and haemoglobinopathy care in Nigeria on the 11th and 12th of February 2026.

This strategic engagement underscores NSHBT's commitment to strengthening care delivery, enhancing professional education, and improving patient outcomes in inherited blood disorders. The forum also reflects the growing importance of multisectoral collaboration in addressing gaps in diagnosis, treatment access, and long-term care.





1ST QUARTER

NEWSLETTER

JAN - MAR 2026

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE NIGERIA SOCIETY FOR APHERESIS

NSHBT President, alongside leading haematologists, participated in the Inaugural Conference of the Nigeria Society for Apheresis held in Abuja on the 6th of February 2026. Prof. Nosa Bazuaye the founding president of the Apheresis society is a world renowned haematologist and trailblazer in the field of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation in Nigeria.

This important engagement highlights NSHBT's continued commitment to advancing specialized areas of transfusion medicine, particularly apheresis. Participation in this inaugural conference reflects a shared vision to strengthen clinical expertise, research, and service delivery in apheresis and transfusion medicine across Nigeria, ultimately improving patient outcomes.



WORLD CANCER DAY 2026



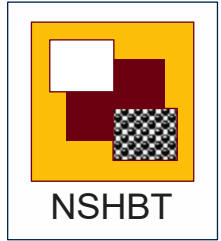
The NSHBT participated in the commemoration of World Cancer Day on February 4th 2026 in Abuja. The event was organized by the Federal Ministry of Health and expertly coordinated by our very own Dr. Uche Nwokwu who is the National Coordinator, National Cancer Control and Nuclear Medicine Programme.

The event was held in collaboration with the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (NICRAT), bringing together key stakeholders across the cancer control ecosystem to advance dialogue, partnerships, and action toward improved cancer prevention, care, and outcomes in Nigeria.

1ST QUARTER

NEWS LETTER

JAN - MAR 2026



NSHBT EDUCATION SERIES: MONTHLY WEBINARS

The first quarter of 2026 marked the launch of the NSHBT Monthly Webinar Series, coordinated by the Education Committee. These webinars hold every first Tuesday of the month, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and professional development. We encourage all members to make it a date and actively participate.

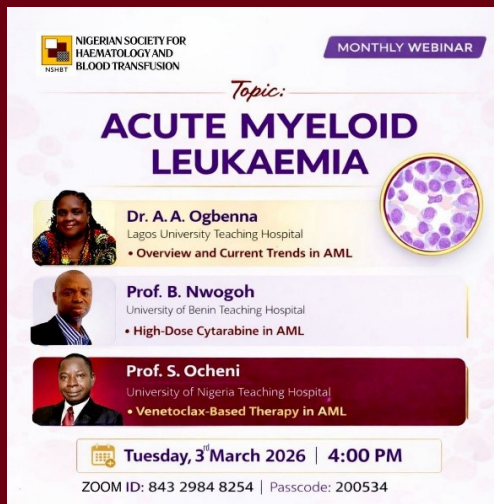
FEBRUARY 2026 WEBINAR

Topic: Effective Blood Donor Management: Creating a Positive Donor Experience

Speaker: Dr. Adeshola Adebayo (NBSA Abuja)

Key Takeaways:

- Donor experience is central to retention and sustainability
- Importance of haemovigilance systems
- Strengthening hospital-NBSA collaboration



MARCH 2026 WEBINAR

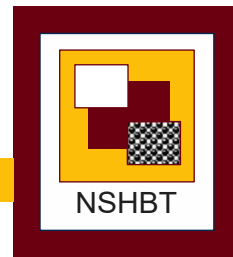
Theme: Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)

Sessions:

- Overview and current trends in AML – Dr. A. A. Ogbenna
- High-dose cytarabine in AML – Prof. B. Nwogoh
- Venetoclax-based therapy in AML – Prof. S. Ocheni

Highlights:

- Emphasis on risk-adapted therapy
- Expanding role of targeted therapies
- Need for improved diagnostic infrastructure in Nigeria



NSHBT THROWBACK

5th Global Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (2025)

The 5th Global Congress on Sickle Cell Disease, held in Abuja, Nigeria (3–6 June 2025), marked a major milestone in global haemoglobinopathy advocacy and research, bringing together over 500 participants from more than 40 countries. The successful hosting of this landmark congress by the Sickle Cell Support Society of Nigeria was led by Obiageli Nnodu and her team, whose leadership and coordination were central to its impact and international reach.

Prof. Obiageli Nnodu – who also leads the NSHBT Haemoglobinopathy Working Group – demonstrated exceptional stewardship in convening a multidisciplinary and globally representative forum, advancing Nigeria's position at the forefront of sickle cell disease (SCD) discourse.

The congress featured over 175 scientific presentations across basic science, clinical care, public health, and policy, with strong emphasis on patient-centred and implementation-focused solutions. Key advances highlighted included progress in stem cell transplantation, gene therapy, and emerging disease-modifying therapies, alongside strategies to expand access to affordable care in low- and middle-income settings.

Deliberations reinforced the importance of global collaboration, health system strengthening, and policy alignment to reduce inequities in SCD care, consistent with the theme “Leaving No One Behind.” Engagement with industry leaders such as Novartis, Novo Nordisk, Pfizer, and Agios Pharmaceuticals further underscored ongoing innovation in diagnostics and therapeutics.

Overall, GCSD 2025 not only showcased scientific progress but also highlighted the strategic leadership of Prof. Nnodu and her team in driving global partnerships and advocacy for SCD. The next congress is scheduled for Ontario, Canada, in 2027.



1st Quarter

NEWSLETTER



JAN - MAR 2026

MEMBERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE

NSHBT reminds all members that financial membership is essential for full participation and recognition within the Society.

Membership Due

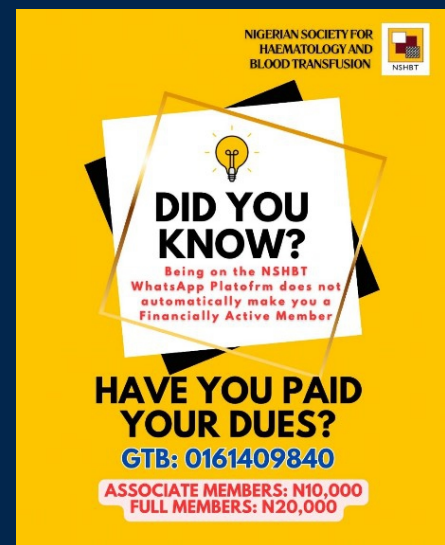
- Associate Members: N10,000
- Full Members: N20,000

Account Details:

GTB - 0161409840

Why it matters:

- Inclusion in the upcoming NSHBT Directory
- Eligibility for official engagements and opportunities
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Society



UPCOMING: NSHBT 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (ABUJA 2026)

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

50th NSHBT ANNUAL CONFERENCE ABUJA

Submit your abstracts to the Nigerian Society for Haematology and Blood Transfusion (NSHBT) conference, happening end of August 2026!

Abstract Categories:

- Clinical Haematology & Therapeutics
- Transfusion Medicine & Blood Services
- Haemostasis, Thrombosis & Vascular Medicine
- Laboratory Haematology & Diagnostics
- Blood Safety & Haemovigilance
- Apheresis
- Stem Cell Transplantation
- Public Health & Policy
- Special Populations & Context-Specific Care
- Digital Health & Innovation
- Ethics, Education & Workforce Development

Guidelines:

- Original work only
- 300-word limit (excluding title/authors)
- Structure: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion

Important Dates:

- Notification of acceptance: **July 15, 2026**
- Registration deadline for presenters: **July 31, 2026**

LOC Chairman: Prof. Saleh Yuguda **LOC Secretary:** Dr. AD Waziri

Send to: nshbt.conference2026@gmail.com **08051359993**

Join us to showcase your research and connect with haematology experts!

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Categories include:

- Clinical Haematology & Therapeutics
- Transfusion Medicine
- Haemostasis & Thrombosis
- Laboratory Haematology
- Stem Cell Transplantation
- Public Health & Policy
- Digital Health & Innovation

Deadline: June 30, 2026

Important Dates:

- Acceptance Notification: July 15, 2026
- Presenter Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026

Submit to: nshbt.conference2026@gmail.com

1st Quarter

NEWSLETTER



NIGERIAN JOURNAL OF HAEMATOLOGY (NJH)

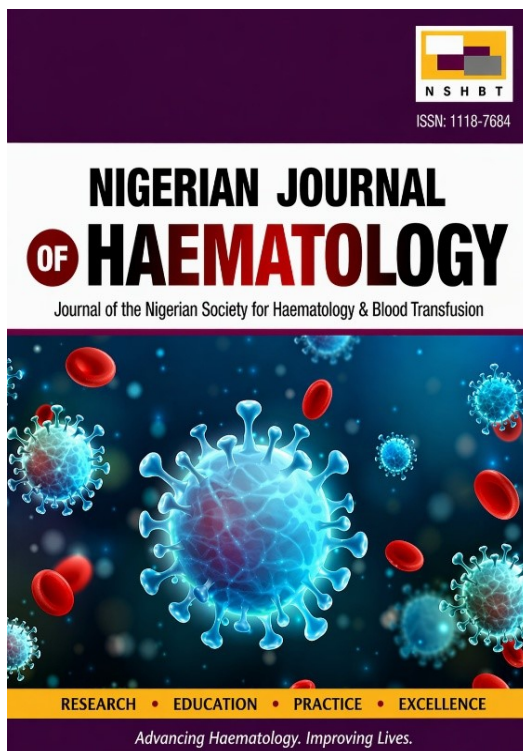
CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Official Journal of the Nigerian Society for Haematology and Blood Transfusion (NSHBT)

The Nigerian Journal of Haematology (NJH) invites original, high-quality manuscripts for upcoming issues.

Priority Areas

- Clinical haematology & haemato-oncology
- Haemoglobinopathies (including SCD)
- Haemostasis & thrombosis
- Transfusion medicine & blood services
- Stem cell transplantation & cellular therapies
- Laboratory haematology & molecular diagnostics



Article Types

Original Research | Reviews | Case Reports/Series | Short Communications | Editorials

Submission Requirements

- Vancouver referencing style
- Structured abstract (where applicable)
- Ethical approval for research involving human subjects
- Plagiarism-free submissions

Why Publish in NJH

- Official NSHBT journal
- Peer-reviewed with rapid editorial processing
- Platform for African and LMIC-focused haematology research

Submission: Send manuscripts via the NJH Online Portal

LANDMARK BIRTHDAYS

We proudly celebrate two renowned haematologists on the occasion of their milestone birthdays:



Prof. F. Fasola @ 60

A highly respected Consultant Haematologist at University College Hospital, Ibadan, Prof. Fasola has made significant contributions to clinical haematology, training, and mentorship in Nigeria. Her impact on patient care and professional development continues to inspire generations.



Dr. E.E. Igbigbi @ 70

A distinguished haematologist from the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Dr. Igbigbi is celebrated for decades of dedicated service, clinical excellence, and commitment to advancing haematology practice.

1st Quarter Newsletter



JAN - MAR 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know?

The NSHBT operates specialized Working Groups to drive excellence in key areas of haematology practice, research, and policy. NSHBT Working Groups are at the heart of our scientific and professional impact.

Which group do you belong to—and how are you contributing? Get involved—join a Working Group today.



LOOKING AHEAD (Q2 2026)

- Expansion of NSHBT Webinar Series
- Launch of Membership Directory
- Strengthening international collaborations
- Increased visibility through digital platforms and publications

CONCLUSION

The first quarter of 2026 reflects a Society that is:

- Academically active
- Professionally cohesive
- Strategically forward-looking

NSHBT remains committed to advancing haematology practice, research, and education in Nigeria and beyond.

CONNECT WITH NSHBT

Social Media Handles, Email And Website Details

