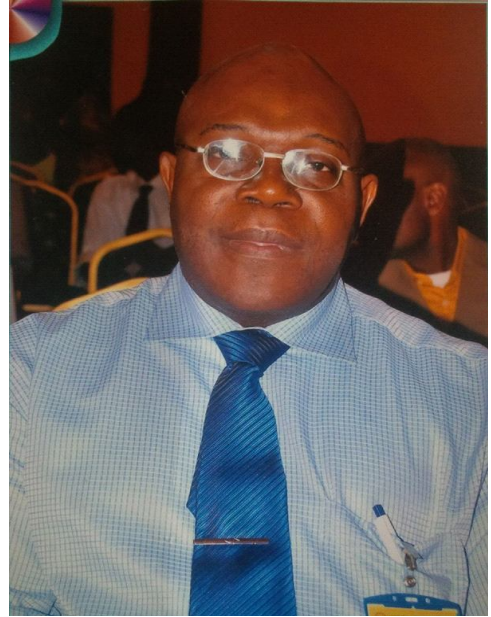


Professor Effiong Essien Udo Akang MB;BS (Ibadan), FMCPPath, FWACP

The late Professor Effiong Essien Udo Akang was a distinguished senior member of the Pathology Department, of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. He was a 1983 graduate of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) of the University of Ibadan. A fellow of both the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and the West African College of Physicians, he was a highly respected and outstanding intellectual. He joined the services of the University of Ibadan in 1990 and rose through the ranks to become a full professor in the year 2000 within a period of 10 years.

Professor Akang was a prolific writer; he authored or co-authored over 160 publications in highly respected local and international journals. His areas of interests include Neuropathology where he studied dementia and intracranial neoplasms. Indeed, he is widely acclaimed as one of the foremost Neuropathologists in the country. His other areas of academic interest include Paediatric Pathology, Malignant Lymphomas and Breast Cancer. He had several local and international research collaborations which included those with the Institute of Human Virology in Abuja, International Agency for Research in Cancer and the University of Chicago, USA. Some of these collaborations were still active at the time of his death.



The intellectual shadow of Professor Akang was cast over a significant portion of the College of Medicine and the University of Ibadan. He taught Pathology at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels to medical students, resident doctors, nurses and medical laboratory scientists. He supervised over thirty postgraduate students in the Departments of Anatomy, Pathology, Medicine, Otorhinolaryngology, Oral Pathology and Veterinary Public Health. He also acted as an examiner of both Masters and Doctorate level degrees in the departments of Anatomy, Haematology and Zoology. His influence was also felt outside of the University of Ibadan as he severally served as external examiner in Universities of Ife, Ilorin, Calabar and in Universities in Ghana and Sierra Leone.

As a Clinician and Pathologist, Professor Akang was a workhorse who rarely declined any assignment. He had seeming boundless energy and uncommon devotion to duty. He was a current member of several learned societies which included American Association of Neuropathologists, the International Society of Neuropathology, the International Brain Research Organization, The West African Division of the International Academy of Pathology to name a few.

Professor Akang was happily married to Mrs. Fidelia Akang and the marriage was blessed with two children. He would be sorely missed by the all, especially by us at the Department of Pathology of the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

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