

## OBITUARY

The unbelievably true, sudden and unexpected death of the late Dr. Paul Gowon Jibrin came as a rude shock to all on Thursday, October 31, 2024, right in the middle of the November 2024 FMCPATH examinations of the faculty. Aged 57, Dr. Jibrin was an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and Forensic Medicine of the University of Abuja and an honorary Chief Consultant Histopathologist at the National Hospital, Abuja, until his death.

Born on 24th June 1967 at Enjema Ofuago, Enjema Ankpa LGA, Kogi State, the late Dr. Jibrin graduated from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1991, and obtained a Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria in Histopathology in 2001.

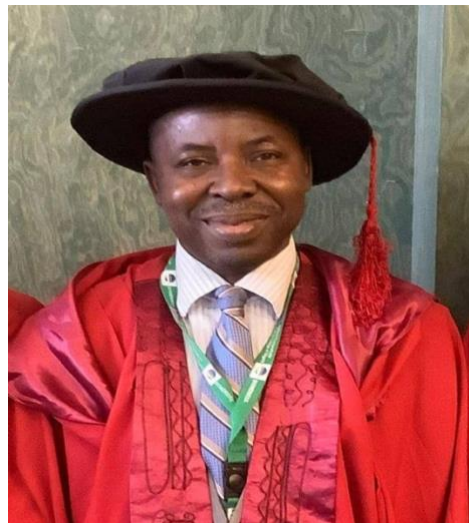
His career trajectory included Residency training in Histopathology at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital Calabar as a consultant Pathologist in the same institution after the training. He was appointed Lecturer I at the University of Calabar at about the same time. He was also an adjunct Lecturer in Histopathology at the Abia State University Uturu; and Visiting Senior Lecturer at the Benue State University Makurdi among others. He supervised seven (7) postgraduate dissertations for the award of the FMCPATH Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, and authored thirty (30) publications in peer-reviewed journals and also, presented several papers at learned local and international conferences.

The late Dr. Jibrin contributed immensely to the progress of the speciality of Histopathology in Nigeria.

He instituted the use of Immunohistochemistry in the diagnosis and management of Breast Cancer and Lymphoma at the National Hospital Abuja on a routine basis. He was the National Coordinator of the sponsored National Quality Assurance Programme in Immunohistochemistry in Nigeria from 2019 till his death and supervised the training of six Consultants/fellows, including two who are currently Professors of Pathology. Dr. Jibrin was an examiner at both Part I and Part II at the Faculty of Pathology of the NMPCN at various times. He also served on several Committees of the Faculty of Pathology.

He will be sorely missed for his amiable mien, which often concealed a fiercer inner determination which is focused on bringing positive changes to the profession he loved. He devoted the last two years of his life to the

introduction and regularization of molecular diagnosis in Histopathology partnering with public and private local and international organisations and attracting several collaborative partnership opportunities which translated to the donation of sophisticated diagnostic equipment, reagents and consumables together with training opportunities for his mentees. He worked with such organisations as the Carcinoma of the Prostate Transatlantic Consortium (CAPTSI) and the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (NICRAT) assiduously. He was survived by his wife Mrs. Mercy Jibrin, five children including a 5<sup>th</sup> Year Medical student, several relatives and a host of pathology mentees. He loved reading, music and community service. May his gentle soul rest in peace.



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