

## EDITORIAL

I am truly delighted to write the first Editorial of the Journal of Paediatric Dentistry Research and Practice (JPDRP), the official publication of the Nigerian Association of Paediatric Dentistry, Volume 1, Issues 1 and 2. Indeed, it has been a long journey for the Journal to emerge and is worthy of note that this is the first Journal wholly dedicated to research and practice of Paediatric Dentistry in this region.

It has started as truly international, with the inclusion of collaborative research from our sister country. We hope to receive more research reports from other parts of Africa and to spread the word to our colleagues in other parts of the world.

In this edition, we have papers on a wide variety of topics in the specialty of paediatric dentistry, from oral health promotion to cariology, human biology and traumatology. Recently, there have been reports of an increase in the incidence of NOMA in certain parts of the country. Our profession has been challenged to be at the forefront of advocacy for the improvement of our children's oral health, in collaboration with various organs of government and non-governmental organisations. This should be a priority of NAPD.

We appreciate our colleagues who contributed to this important edition and hope this will further improve impactful dissemination of knowledge in this area.

I congratulate the Editor-in - Chief and other members of the Editorial Board for the maiden edition and commend their devotion to the Association while looking forward to the next edition!

Sincerely,

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