

A Vision for Excellence: A New Beginning at the Nigerian Dental Journal

Great pleasure and a sense of responsibility overwhelm me as I assume the role of the Editor-in-Chief of the Nigerian Dental Journal (NDJ). I am deeply grateful for the trust bestowed upon me by the dental community. I appreciate this honor to contribute to the advancement of dental knowledge and practice in Nigeria, Africa and beyond. I declare my unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of excellence in dental research, education, and patient care - a vision the NDJ has set out to pursue since its first publication in 1980.

We as an editorial team will continue to promote evidence-based dentistry with the ultimate vision of translating research to practice for the continuous improvement of oral health outcomes in Nigeria and beyond. As the new editor, I will continue to foster a culture of excellence, by encouraging rigorous scientific inquiry and the dissemination of innovative ideas. I will work closely with the editorial team to strengthen our peer-review system, attract high-quality submissions, and provide constructive feedback to authors in a timely manner in order to improve the impact of their work. As an editorial team, we shall maintain a transparent, stringent, yet productive review system.

At this crucial moment in the history of our nation, we are open as an editorial team, we welcome collaboration from dental professionals, research institutions, and organizations within Nigeria and internationally. Our primary focus is to bridge the gap of oral health inequalities between the developed world on one hand; that of Nigerians, Africans and the Black race on the other.

I aim to expand the reach of the Nigerian Dental Journal through increased visibility by leveraging digital platforms, the social media, podcasts and other inoperative means. I am deeply committed to upholding the journal's legacy of excellence and with your support, drive it forward into a new era. Together, we can elevate the journal's impact and contribute to the growth and development of dentistry in Nigeria and beyond.

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