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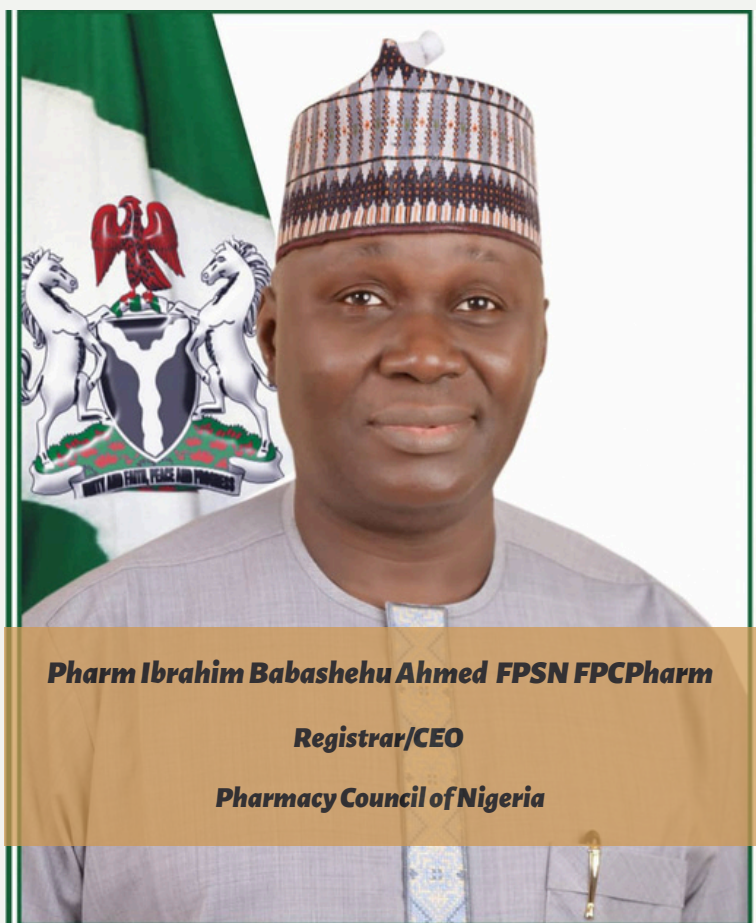


WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, I extend warm wishes for a happy new month. As we enter September, I am excited to share important updates that demonstrate our ongoing dedication to advancing the cause of the pharmaceutical industry in Nigeria.

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Welcome Message
- E&T Activities
- Enforcement activities and more



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We appreciate the support we've received since the start of the year. The first eight months have been truly eventful filled with very impactful activities and were equally blessed with meaningful results. The last four months are equally going to be busy and we look forward to your cooperation to deliver on our set mandate. We implore you to remain dedicated and steadfast even as the do all within our power to ensure a properly sanitised practice environment for all stakeholders in Nigeria's Pharmaceutical industry.

Month under review



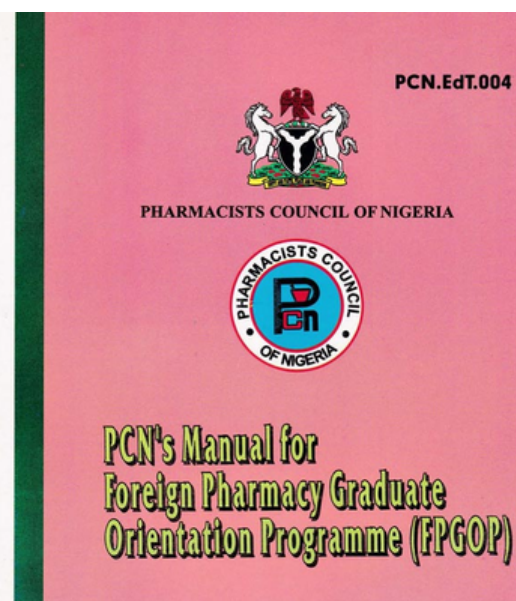
EDUCATION & TRAINING

In the month of August 2024, two hundred and ninety-six (296) fresh Pharmacy graduates were inducted into the profession. These include graduates from

- Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State (69)
- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State (159),
- Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Agbani, Enugu State (68).

Also, in the month of August, the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) team conducted advisory visits to Mercy Medical University in Ido, Osun State, and Ekiti State University in Ekiti State from August 13 to 16, 2024 for the establishment of PharmD programmes in the Institutions.

Additionally, the Second Cycle of the 2024 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP), a six-week program, is currently underway. This cycle is being conducted at two PCN-designated centres: Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State (South), and Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Jos, Jos, Plateau State (North). A total of 19 candidates who did not pass the eligibility interview were dropped from the programme.

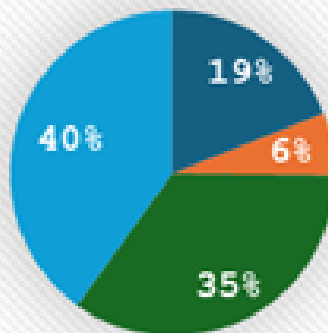


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ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The PCN National Enforcement Team carried out an enforcement exercise in Cross River State from August 19 to August 28, 2024. The key outcomes of this exercise are summarized below:

Cross River State



- Compliant premises (95)
- Pharmacies sealed (31)
- PMS sealed (174)
- Illegal medicine shops sealed (200)

CROSS RIVERS STATISTICS

- Number of premises visited: 500
- Number of Premises sealed- 405
- Number of Pharmacies sealed- 31
- Number of Patent Medicine stores sealed- 174
- Number of illegal Medicine stores sealed- 200
- Number of Compliance directive issued: 5
- Number of arrests- 5

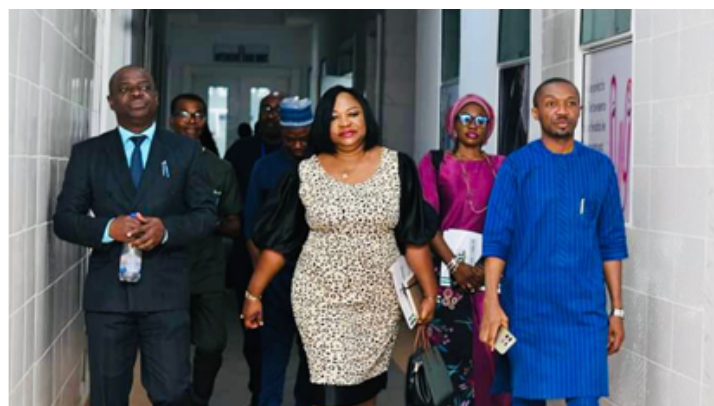


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PHARMACY PRACTICE

On August 12, 2024, the PCN constituted a team to inspect the hospital pharmacy at Medbury Medical Services, located in the Shell Industrial Area, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State.

Additionally, the PCN conducted an inspection visit to the hospital pharmacy of David Umahi Federal University Teaching Hospital (DUFUTH), Uburu, Ebonyi State. This visit was in response to DUFUTH's application for internship accreditation, hospital pharmacy registration, and licensure.



The above inspection visits were conducted to ensure that the minimum standards for hospital pharmacy practice for the assurance of pharmaceutical care are met by benchmarking against PCN standards and requirements, and assessing the staff strength, facilities, equipment and practice/services in pharmacy departments of the healthcare facilities.

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PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

PCN in collaboration with USAID's Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Engage private sector project organized a one-day access to finance co-design workshop in a view to address the unique financial needs of private healthcare providers including Community Pharmacists (CPs) and PPMVs. The workshop was held on August 13, 2024, in Abuja.



To improve access to quality malaria care in communities, PCN in collaboration with National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) carried out monitoring and supervisory visits on the Private Sector Pilot Project through CPs and PPMVs in Kwara, Delta, Gombe, and Kano States. The activity was held between August 26- 31, 2024.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

As part of our commitment to enhancing staff welfare and security, PCN in collaboration with Department of State Services (DSS) conducted a workshop “Security Awareness and Fire Drills” on August 22, 2024, for staff of the PCN Head Office, Zonal Officers, and Abuja Zonal Office (ABZO). The training aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills to identify and respond to potential security threats, ensuring a safer working environment for all.



The PCN Departmental and Zonal Officers Consultative Committee (DAZOCC) held its 26th meeting on August 23, 2024. This forum serves as a critical platform for enhancing communication, resolving issues, and aligning strategies within PCN to improve service delivery. The meeting had involved the presentation of reports and collaborative brainstorming on matters crucial to the effective and efficient functioning of the Registry. Hajia (Pharm.) Wosilat O. Giwa, FPSN, Chairperson, PCN Governing Council had the opportunity to meet and address the members of Management at the DAZOCC meeting.



On the angle of community relations, the Registrar warmly received the Head of the Idu District, the locality the PCN Head Office is situated, along with his wards heads on Monday, August 26, 2024. The meeting was meant to strengthen relationship between the MDAs, Community leaders and stakeholders.



As we enter the final third of this year, which ushers in the ember months, I pray the last four months of this year will be months we will all remember for good.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed', is written above the typed name.

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