

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



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WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, I warmly welcome all our stakeholders to this month of November. As we are closing in on the end of the year, I charge us all to remain steadfast in our efforts to deliver quality pharmaceutical services while remaining relentless

in uplifting our noble profession and our nation, Nigeria.

We are profoundly grateful for your unwavering support and collaboration, which has been instrumental in strengthening our shared mission to uphold the highest standards in pharmaceutical regulation. With your partnership, we are confident in our capacity to meet the evolving challenges of our industry and to drive impactful, lasting improvements in healthcare across Nigeria



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EDUCATION & TRAINING

In the month of October, Five hundred and fifty-one (551) new pharmacy graduates (regular and supplementary) were inducted into the profession.

The graduates are from the

- University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State;
- Bayero University, Kano;
- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State;
- Delta State University, Abraka;
- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.



Furthermore, the Second Cycle of the 2024 Pre-Registration Examination for Pharmacists (PEP) was successfully conducted on October 26, 2024, at nine (9) PCN-designated centres nationwide. A total of one thousand and fifty-nine (1059) candidates participated in the examination.

From October 13 to 17, 2024, the PCN Advisory Team conducted verification visits to the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, and Achievers University, Owo, both in Ondo State.

The primary aim of these visits was to guide both Universities in their preparations for the establishment of Faculties of Pharmacy to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree programme. These visits, which were initiated at the invitation of the universities, marked an important step toward the eventual accreditation of the PharmD programme by PCN.



Courtesy call on the Chief Medical Director, University of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital, Ondo City, Ondo State, Dr. Michael Olumide Gbala.



Group Photograph taken at University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State.

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PHARMACY PRACTICE

In the month under review, the PCN conducted Orientation Programme (OP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) for holders of the Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendor (PPMV) license in four states. These sessions were held in Gombe State from October 22 to 25, Rivers State from October 22 to 24, Sokoto State from October 23 to 25, 2024 and Kogi State from October 29 to 31 2024.



PCN was in attendance at the National Committee on Development of Nigeria National Prescription and Dispensing Policy (NNPDP) meeting that held on October 31, 2024 at Reiz Continental.

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PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

The PCN actively participated in various engagements with our development and implementing partners during the month of October:

- Private Sector Market Analysis (PSMA) Stakeholder Meeting: Organized by the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) in collaboration with Malaria Consortium, this meeting focused on the presentation and validation of the survey protocol, tools, and supervision checklist. The event took place in Abuja from October 15-18, 2024



- Validation Meeting on Sexual, Reproductive, and Maternal Health Self-Care Interventions: PCN participated in this meeting organized by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoH&SW), in collaboration with John Snow Inc., for the bottleneck analysis on barriers and opportunities for sexual, reproductive, and maternal health self-care intervention scale up in Nigeria. The meeting was held on October 16, 2024, in Abuja.

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- IntegratE 2024 Review and 2025 Work Planning Meeting: PCN joined this meeting to review the 2024 program implementation, develop the strategy and work plan for 2025, share lessons and best practices, and discuss emerging issues. The meeting took place in Abuja from October 20-26, 2024.
- Finalization of the Draft Regulatory Framework for the 3-Tier Accreditation System (3-TAS): Supported by the PSN Foundation, PCN held a meeting to finalize the draft regulatory framework for the 3-TAS. The meeting took place on Monday, October 28, 2024, at Bolton White Hotel, Garki, Abuja.



HUMAN RESOURCES

On October 25, 2024, the PCN Staff Training and Development Committee met at the PCN Head Office to review the 2024 Training Plan's progress.

This is anchored on our belief in the growth and development of staff, aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge to excel in their roles and deliver effectively.

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INSPECTION, MONITORING, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (IM&QA) DEPARTMENT

As we prepare for our ISO 9001:2015 recertification audit, the PCN Quality Management Systems (QMS) Team continues to strengthen its quality management framework. Following a 3-day review meeting held in Nasarawa from October 02-04, 2024, the team conducted its 7th Internal Audit on October 24-25, 2024. This audit was carried out to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of our QMS.



On October 08, 2024, the Registrar/CEO and a team of management staff met with representatives from GSI Nigeria to explore collaborative opportunities, particularly in implementing the traceability project in Nigeria.

World Pharmacy Technician Day Celebrations: PCN at the RFPTN First National Conference

On World Pharmacy Technician Day, the PCN participated in the First National Conference organized by the Reformed Forum of Pharmacy Technicians in Nigeria (RFPTN), themed "Navigating the Evolving Regulatory Landscape: Pharmacy Technicians as Agents of Change."

Pharm. (Mrs.) Hajiya Wosilat Giwa, FPSN, Chairperson of the PCN Governing Council, chaired the event, with Pharm. Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, FPSN, Registrar/CEO, serving as the Chief Host, represented by Dr. Anthony Idoko, Director of Education and Training at PCN. The event was further graced by the presence of Prof. Cyril Usifoh, FPSN, President, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), and Pharm. Munir Elelu, Program Director, PSN Foundation. The conference recognized the significant contributions of Pharmacy Technicians to the healthcare system and emphasized the importance of continuous professional development. In her address, the PCN Chairperson commended Pharmacy Technicians for their progress and encouraged them to engage in dialogue on common interests within the profession. The Registrar, in a speech delivered by Dr. Idoko, highlighted the global recognition of Pharmacy Technicians and the recent MoU between PCN and the NBTE aimed at enhancing their training.

PCN appreciates RFPTN for the awards presented to our Registrar and Director, Education and Training Department, during the conference.



REGISTRAR'S ENGAGEMENT WITH PCN MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Registrar had a productive engagement with PCN State Officers and members of the Departmental and Zonal Officers Consultative Committee (DAZOCC) on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. During the meeting, we conducted a comprehensive review of our operations, assessed performance, and proposed strategic recommendations to enhance our systems. These periodic meetings are essential for monitoring the effectiveness of our offices and ensuring consistent, uniform service delivery.



On the 29th of October 2024, the Registrar had an engagement session with the executive leaders of NUAP, PCN Chapter to discuss matters of staff welfare as well as the progress of the organisation



The team from USAID-funded PQM+ Program visited the Registrar on Friday, 28th of October, 2024 to discuss potential support in strengthening the Council's data management systems



I look forward to meeting and discussing with Pharmacist colleagues during the town hall meeting of the forthcoming PSN National Conference in Uyo. I wish all participating colleagues journey mercies, and successful deliberations and elections.

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