

## 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 welcome you into this Month of March. As most of us are aware, the month of February was a very busy and eventful one for Pharmacy Council of Nigeria in particular and Nigeria in general.

I use this opportunity to commend all colleagues who have completed their 2025 licensure processes. Licenses are already being issued at the Registry and collected at our various states and zonal offices.

I would however implore all colleagues who are yet to complete the process of both personal and premises registration to please do so without further delay. Be reminded that fines for late registration/ renewal of licenses would apply after the March 31 deadline.

The inauguration of the 24th President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Pharm Ayuba Tanko Ibrahim FPSN and the investiture of 145 deserving Pharmacists as fellows of the PSN which happened on the 28th of February at Abuja Continental Hotel was a huge success. At the PCN, we continue to wish the President a very successful tenure as we also congratulate the new fellows of the society



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**Registrar/CEO**

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Induction Ceremonies

Last month, we inducted seventy-two (72) fresh pharmacy graduands into the profession from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. We welcome them and hope for great impacts through them.

### PEP

The first cycle Pre-registration examination for Pharmacist (PEP) is scheduled to hold on March 22, 2025. Registration has commenced. Prospective candidates are advised to visit <https://pep.pcnmcpd.com> to register. Registration closes on March 14, 2025.



### Upcoming FPGOP

Also note that the first cycle of the 2025 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) has been scheduled to take place from 27 April to 6 June 2025, at Gombe State University, Gombe, and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State. Registration has commenced and prospective participants are encouraged to register before the deadline of 11 April 2025.

### Engagement with CHTs

The PCN had an interactive session/workshop with Provosts and HoDs of Colleges of Health Technology



Courtesy Visit by Gregory University

The Registrar/CEO, PCN, Pharm. Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, FPSN, and the Vice-Chancellor, Gregory University, Uturu (GUU), Abia State, Prof. Celestina Njoku, flanked by Dr. Sunday Okafor, Dean, College of Pharmacy, GUU (L), Prof. N. N. Wannang, University of Jos (2nd R), and Dr. Anthony Idoko, Director, Education and Training, PCN (R), during a courtesy call on the Registrar by the Vice-Chancellor. (February 25, 2025)

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## PHARMACY PRACTICE

The PCN participated in the dissemination of a survey by Population Service International (PSI) on ACT WATCH Lite, in collaboration with National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) at the Abuja Continental Hotel on 12-13 February 2025.

## Collaboration Meeting with Reckitt Nigeria

The PCN and Reckitt Nigeria held a collaborative meeting on 26 February 2025, at the PCN Head Office. Both parties engaged in extensive discussions on the need to strengthen and improve the knowledge and skills of healthcare professionals in the pharmaceutical landscape. Key areas of focus included the development and implementation of continuous development programs and training initiatives aimed at ensuring the delivery of high-quality pharmaceutical care.



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## ENFORCEMENT

The PCN, under the directive of the Registrar, has just concluded a targeted surveillance exercise in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) from 17-21 February 2025, aimed at addressing the proliferation of unregistered and illegal pharmaceutical premises within residential estates. The operation focused on identifying and documenting the status of all pharmaceutical premises (both legal and illegal) located within these areas. Prompted by intelligence reports concerning illegal pharmaceutical premises and activities, the PCN conducted a comprehensive surveillance operation across 230 estates.



The team identified and visited 142 pharmaceutical premises, comprising 139 pharmacies (97.89%) and 3 patent medicine shops (2.11%). Key findings revealed significant regulatory violations: 28 premises (19.72%) were found to be unregistered and operating illegally; 62 premises (43.66%) were sealed for violating PCN regulations, including 59 Pharmacies and 3 Patent Medicine Shops (PMS); and 107 premises (75.35%) were identified to be operating without a superintendent pharmacist on duty. The scale of violations discovered reinforces the importance of surveillance and enforcement activities.



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## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

### Collaboration for Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control

The PCN welcomed a delegation from the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) on Tuesday, 18 February 2025. The NTBLCP engaged with PCN to explore avenues of collaboration in achieving the programme's mandate.

### Progress Update on PACS Project

On Tuesday, 18 February 2025, the PCN hosted a team from the Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) based on the Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services (PACS) Project. The visit focused on updates on implementation of the PACS project.

### Participation in Reproductive Health Coordination Meeting

The PCN actively participated in the ad-hoc reproductive health product introduction coordination mechanism meeting held in Maitama, Abuja on Wednesday, 26 February 2025.



### Enhancing Pharmaceutical Regulation through collaborative benchmarking

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and the PCN are actively engaged in a collaborative effort to strengthen the Nigerian pharmaceutical regulatory system. Utilising the World Health Organisation's Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT), we are undergoing comprehensive assessments that drive continuous improvement and ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of our regulatory processes.



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## GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL PREMISES

The PCN would like to bring to the attention of our esteemed stakeholders that it has published “Guidelines for Registration of Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Premises” and has been hosted on our website for your awareness and guidance. This serves to guide pharmacists and other stakeholders involved with registration of premises on the requirements and steps involved.

To access the guidelines, please visit our website at [www.pcn.gov.ng](http://www.pcn.gov.ng). Click on the dropdown menu labelled "PCN" and select "Publications" to view the document and become acquainted with the guidelines.

All pharmacists and stakeholders should avail themselves of this document to be conversant with the basic guidelines for registration with the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria.



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### Publications

#### Guidelines and Procedure of Registrations

For a detailed view of the Guidelines and procedure of registrations click on the link below:

- [Guidelines for Complaints Handling against Regulatory Decisions.](#)
- [Guidelines for Registration of Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Premises](#)
- [Procedure of Registration for Pharmacy Technicians](#)
- [Procedure of Registration for Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendor Licence](#)

### Internal Stakeholders Engagement: DAZOCC

This month, we reinforced our commitment to internal collaboration and communication through an interactive meeting led by the Registrar. This session held on 11 February 2025 brought together members of the PCN Departmental and Zonal Officers Consultative Committee (DAZOCC) and State Officers, fostering a platform for open dialogue, addressing key issues, sharing best practices, strengthening communication, empowering our officers to deliver exceptional services and advance the agency's objectives.



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## Courtesy Visit by AHAPN National

The National Executive Committee of the Association of Hospital and Administrative Pharmacists of Nigeria (AHAPN), under the leadership of National Chairman, Pharm. Elechi Oyim, paid a courtesy visit on 24 February 2025 to the PCN.

The productive meeting fostered valuable dialogue, addressing areas of challenges, support, and collaboration to further strengthen our systems, functions, and regulatory framework of hospital pharmacy practice in Nigeria.



## Courtesy Visit by ACPN National

The Registry was also pleased to welcome a national delegation from the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN) on 28 February 2025. The delegation, led by ACPN National Chairman, Pharm. Ambrose Igwekamma Ezeh, engaged in a warm and productive meeting with the PCN leadership. Discussions focused on addressing pressing issues and exploring opportunities for enhanced collaboration.



# COURTESY CALL

On the 5th of February, 2025 senior colleagues of the Pharmacy Department of the National Hospital, Abuja led by the new head of Pharmacy department, Pharm Adesola Clara, paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria.



As we enter this month of March which promises to be one filled with God's goodness and infinite mercies as the Muslim Colleagues observe the holy month of Ramadan and Christian Colleagues observe the lenten season, I pray God answers all our prayers and grants us our hearts desires according to his will for all stakeholders in the Pharmaceutical industry as individuals, corporate organisations, associations and the industry as a whole

**SIGNED**

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