

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



WELCOME MESSAGE

Happy New Month!

On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), I warmly welcome you to December, the final month of 2025. Much gratitude for the successful journey we have shared with our stakeholders.

The collaborations and partnerships formed throughout the year have been invaluable and truly instrumental in advancing the pharmacy practice landscape. We deeply appreciate this worthy engagement and look forward to strengthening and expanding these relationships in the year ahead.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Induction

The Council successfully conducted an Oath-Taking/Induction Ceremony for a total of one hundred and thirty-seven (137) graduands from Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State. Additionally, a supplementary induction was held for two (2) graduands from Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, welcoming them into the noble profession.

ACCREDITATION VISIT

The PCN Accreditation Team carried out a visit to Gregory University Uturu (GUU), Abia State, for the accreditation of the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 25-28 November 2025.

FPGOP

The final examinations for the Special Cycle of the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP), hosted by Bayero University Kano, were successfully concluded on 14 November 2025.



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PHARMACY PRACTICE

OP/CEP

In November, Orientation Programme (OP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) was conducted for holders of PPMV licence in Rivers (18 - 20 November) and Bayelsa (20 November) States.

Hospital Pharmacy Inspections

We also carried out inspection of hospital pharmacies in Osun State from 17 – 21 November 2025.

ENFORCEMENT

Surveillance in FCT

On 24 November 2025, a composed enforcement team carried out a joint surveillance exercise across the Garki Ultra-Modern Market and Garki International Market in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The exercise aimed to identify and address any illicit activity or non-compliance with regulations. Generally, the surveillance revealed a very good level of compliance throughout both markets; however, the presence of drug hawkers was noted specifically in the Garki Ultra-Modern Market, a breach that falls directly under the purview of the Taskforce on Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods.

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INSPECTION, MONITORING, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Review of National Drug Distribution Guidelines (NDDG) 2nd Edition

The review process of the first draft of the 2nd Edition of the National Drug Distribution Guidelines (NDDG) 2012 continued in November. This review will help capture updates in current realities in the pharmaceutical space. Stakeholders sat on 11- 12 November to update the draft.



Finalization Meeting on the E-Pharmacy Guidelines

Supported by PSN Foundation, the Council held a finalization and validation meeting with stakeholders on the Electronic Pharmacy Guidelines on 11 – 13 November 2025 at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja. Participants included representatives from Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN), Society for Family Health (SFH). Through this collaborative effort, we successfully furthered the review of the zero draft, significantly refining the guidelines towards their final development.



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2025 DHIN Connectathon

The Digital Health Implementation Network (DHIN) Connectathon is a significant event in the global digital health sector, focused on testing and validating the interoperability of various digital health systems using common standards. The opening ceremony had both the Registrar, PCN, Pharm. Ibrahim B. Ahmed, and Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Prof. Fatima Kyari as Keynote Speakers.

The event held from 26–28 November 2025 at the African University of Science and Technology (AUST), Galadimawa, Abuja, bringing together implementers, developers, clinicians, and policymakers to learn, build, and showcase standards-based interoperable digital health solutions.



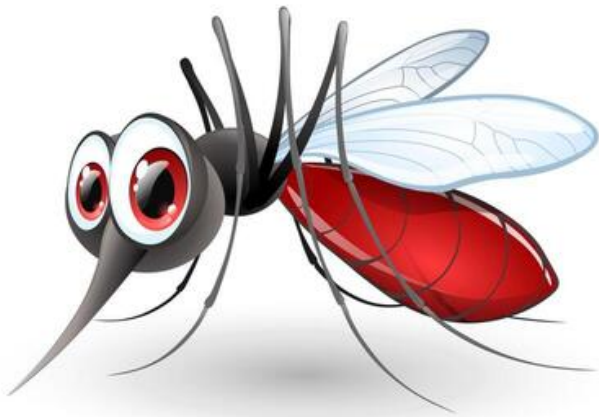
NSCMP Meeting

PCN was represented at the Five-Day Workshop for the Development of National Supply Chain Strategy 2.0 organised by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare through the National Product Supply Chain Management Programme (NPSCMP) of the Department of Food and Drugs Services.

The workshop, held from 24 - 28 November 2025, was aimed at engaging stakeholders for the development of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan which will accommodate lessons learnt from the first Strategic Plan (2021-2025) and new concepts in Supply Chain towards achieving the Universal Health Coverage by 2030.



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PROGRAMMES
DEPARTMENT

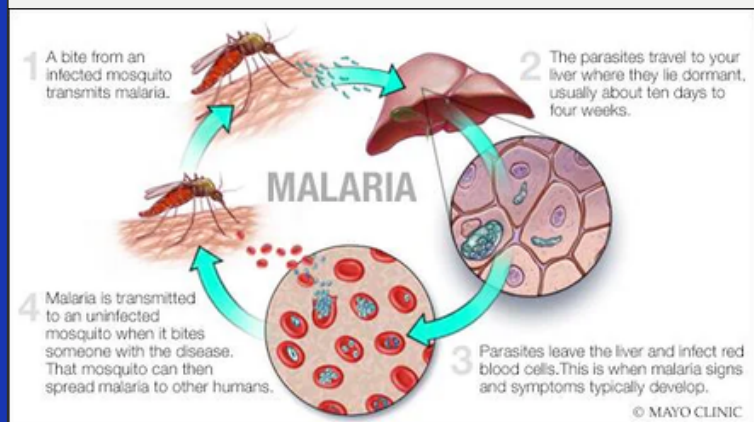
COORDINATING

Joint Supportive Supervision on Malaria

From 24 - 28 November, we engaged with stakeholders in the Joint Supportive Supervision exercise for Community Pharmacists and Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) involved in the Lagos State Malaria Pre-Elimination Programme. The exercise aimed to provide guidance on malaria testing, case management, and other best practices.

PRIME Project Inception Meeting

We also participated in a one-day National Inception Meeting for the Private Retailers for Improved Malaria Outcomes (PRIME Project) held in Abuja on the 7 November 2025



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IntegratE Programme Review

The PCN participated in the IntegratE 2025 review/2026 work plan meeting to review program implementation for the year, develop strategy/work plan for 2026, share lessons and best practices, and discuss emerging issues. The meeting was held in Abuja between 16 - 22 November 2025.

IntegratE Steering Committee

The 9th IntegratE Steering Committee took place at the Wells Carlton Hotel, Abuja on Tuesday, 25 November 2025. The Committee which is chaired by the PCN Registrar and co-chaired by the Director, Family Health Department, FMOH&SW provides strategic leadership and guidance for implementation of the IntegratE Project. Participants at this final Steering Committee Meeting included the representative of Gates Foundation, Managing Director of SFH, PSN President, ACPN National Chairman, Directors of Pharmaceutical Services from the Project States, Members of the IntegratE Project Consortium including PSN Foundation, Population Council, among others. Project updates were shared at the meeting and sustainability plans were discussed as the Project has entered its final year of implementation.

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PSN Conference 2025

The PCN actively participated in the 98th Annual National Conference of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), which was held in Kano State from 3-8 November 2025. The conference provided a platform for engagement with pharmacists nationwide under the theme, "Pharmacy Forward: Building a Future-Ready Workforce for Performance, Collaboration, and Health Transformation". The Council leveraged this attendance to share regulatory updates and reinforce its commitment to advancing pharmacy practice across the nation.



Internal Budget Committee Meeting

In preparation for the upcoming operational year, the PCN Internally Generated Revenue Budget Committee held a meeting to draft a comprehensive working budget intended to effectively guide the operations of the PCN throughout the 2026 fiscal year.



As this chapter closes on 2025, we at the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) extend our sincere gratitude to all stakeholders—our pharmacists, our collaborative partners, and every member of the wider pharmaceutical community. Your commitment to professionalism and public health has been fundamental to the profession's progress.

We wish you a restful, joyous holiday season. May the days ahead bring greater success and renewed well-being for all. We look forward to working together to achieve even greater milestones in the year ahead.

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