

# Proceedings of the Academy of Medicine Specialties (Nigeria)

## Editorial Comment

### **A new and purposeful beginning: deliverables and projections**

The Editorial Committee of the Academy of Medicine Specialties is happy to introduce this new Journal titled “Proceedings of the Academy of Medicine Specialties (Nigeria)”, a distinct accomplishment of the Academy that is geared towards positively influencing Nigeria’s health policy. The foundation President of the Academy, Professor Oladapo Ashiru, OFR, deserves commendation for his vision and for initiating the setting up of the journal platform. By having this medium for communication, the Academy is meeting one of the requirements of the Inter-Academy Partnerships (IAP), and this is a welcome development. The electronic journal will publish review articles (narrative, scoping, systematic), commissioned expert opinions on health situations from the various committees of the Academy and disseminate information about academic/professional activities of the various sections (i.e., Basic Science, Basic Medical, Clinical and Dental). We will also publish commentaries as “Letter to the Editor” which we anticipate will be useful for monitoring and evaluating our services as well as highlighting important health issues from keynote lectures.

Our goal is to achieve wide coverage using the internet for maximal impact. The vibrant educational activities of all the sections of the Academy as well as the periodic evidence-based publications/communiqués from our Rapid Response and the Non-Communicable Diseases Committees will provide leverage for town and gown discourse. In addition, our nation still grapples with the ravages of infectious diseases, with often-times unexpected pandemics of communicable diseases like monkeypox, cholera, diphtheria and even measles. Hence, to keep our guards up, the journal will periodically update information on these viruses, highlight the best practices for management of cases and advise government on the current approaches for meeting the challenges posed by these threats. The changing lifestyles and social habits have their dire consequences on health; hence our NCD committee will have the right medium for advocating risk reduction through health promotion for the better good of Nigerians. Information is power and an essential tool for change as well as for advocacy.

Our keyword is excellence in this quest to inform, influence policy and promote health. We will ensure that ethical principles and scientific integrity are maintained for all articles published. We count on the support of all our fellows, through their regular contributions and periodic suggestions for improvement, to ensure that we achieve these lofty objectives.

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