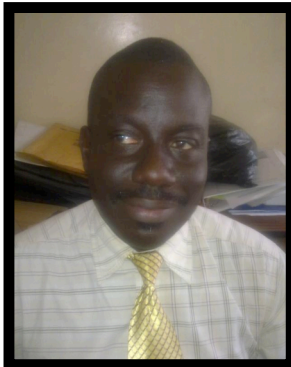




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Folaju O.Oyebola is the Head of Department of Pain and Palliative Medicine of the Federal Medical Centre Abeokuta Nigeria. In 2002, he proposed the hospital multidisciplinary team care approach as means to scale – up palliative care services in Nigeria and today most active palliative care centres in the country are hospital - based.

He pioneered the first pain and palliative medicine department in the country and he is the first palliative care physician to have a full time position in this specialty in Nigeria.

He is a co-founder and the first National General Secretary of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Nigeria. He has been a resource person, participant and presented several papers at various local and International Palliative Care conferences, seminars and workshops.

Dr. Oyebola graduated with MBBS in 1987, later became a specialist in Anesthesiology and was subsequently appointed a consultant Anesthetist in 1996. He obtained MSc. in Pharmacology and Therapeutics in 1999 with special interest in pain pharmacology. He has been head of department and was later appointed as the Chairman Medical Advisory Committee and Director of Clinical Services and Training. This post allowed him to serve as Acting Medical Director on occasion. He also served as a member of the Hospital Board of Directors.

He rose to the peak of his career as chief consultant anesthetist in 2005 and subsequently decided to go into pain and palliative medicine practice after 20 years of active anesthesia practice. He obtained his MPhil. Palliative Medicine degree at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and subsequently had clinical placement in medical oncology, palliative and supportive care in various centres like Mildmay International and Hospice Uganda Africa both in Kampala, He has also undergone training at the St. Christopher's Hospice, Wisdom Hospice, Ellenor –Lions Hospice and St. Elizabeth Hospices in England.

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