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### **Campaign Against Presumptive Treatment of Malaria**

This is to inform members of the University community about the following Federal Government of Nigeria's guidelines on treatment of malaria:

1. All persons suspected to have malaria must be tested in order to confirm or refute presence of Malaria Parasites in the blood.
2. Only persons who test positive should be treated for malaria.
3. The UHS has been provided with adequate support by the Federal Government through approved organizations like the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI)/USAID Roll Back Malaria, etc. to detect and treat malaria both during situations of power outage or availability of power.
4. In the best interest of the community and in order to avoid sanctions, the UHS will henceforth adopt the position of **'No! to presumptive treatment of malaria'**.
5. Our esteemed clients are advised to please cooperate with the UHS to maintain the above stated position.
6. It is pertinent to note that presumptive treatment of malaria (i.e. treating without testing) can result in resistance to the ACTs, possibility of unwanted side effects to a drug that shouldn't have been taken, masking of the real cause of illness which may therefore become complicated etc.
7. Join the UHS to say **'No! to presumptive treatment of malaria'**.

Thank you.

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