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## OBITUARY

### PROFESSOR ABIDEEN OLAYIWOLA OLUWASOLA

**(30 August, 1966 – 27 July, 2018)**

Professor A. I. Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Abideen Olayiwola Oluwasola, a staff of the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine. The sad event occurred on Friday, 27 July, 2018. He was aged 51 years.

Professor Oluwasola was born on the 30 August, 1966 to the family of Alhaji Nurudeen Oluwasola and Alhaja Belawu Titilayo Shodimu of Oke-Ona, Abeokuta North Local Government of Ogun state. He attended Lara Day Primary School Ikeja, Lagos for his primary education and proceeded to the Government College, Lagos for his secondary education which he concluded in 1982. While at the Government College, Lagos, he served as the Senior Prefect. Thereafter, he attended the Bloxham College, Bambury Oxford, UK, for his Higher School Certificate (HSC).

He gained admission to the University of Ibadan to study Medicine and Surgery in 1984. He graduated with a MB: BS degree in 1990 from the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. Upon graduation, he proceeded to Osun State Government Hospital, Osogbo in 1991 for his Housemanship and then had his mandatory National Youth Service in Lagos State from 1992 to 1993.

Late Professor Oluwasola commenced his residency training programme in Pathology in the University College Hospital, Ibadan on 30 November, 1993. In 1999, after completing his residency programme, he became a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians and was appointed a Lecturer in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan in January, 2000.

He became a Fellow of the UICC International Cancer Research Technology Transfer (ICRETT) in 2002, and obtained a Masters degree in Epidemiology from the University of Ibadan in 2004. Earlier this year, he completed a Masters degree in BioTechnology from Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti and was on the verge of completing an MD degree programme in Genetic Epidemiology at the Department of Medicine, University of Ibadan before his demise.

In September 2012, Late Professor Oluwasola was a Visiting Scientist to Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Inc. Cambridge, Massachusetts. Over the years, through hardwork, commitment and devotion, he rose through the ranks and was promoted to the grade of Senior Lecturer in 2003, Reader in 2008 and Professor in 2013. He served as the Head of the Department of Pathology, University of Ibadan between 2012 and 2014 and also as the Pioneer Director of the

Special Diagnostic Centre, University College Hospital, Ibadan. Late Professor Oluwasola was also Consultant Pathologist to the Oyo State Government.

The distinguished Pathologist had research interests in Gastrointestinal Pathology, Cancer Epidemiology particularly- Breast Cancer and Malignant Lymphoma. He played a role in the study of the Pathogenesis of Helicobacter Pylori in the development of various gastro-duodenal conditions. He had completed over 17 researches and still had 4 ongoing. His dedication and commitment to intelligent research earned him the award of the Best Reasercher of the year 2009 by Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria, (MDCAN), UCH, Ibadan Chapter.

As an astute, diligent teacher and academic, he had over 100 academic publications that had appeared in learned journals that cut across different fields of Medicine. He was a recipient of numerous research support grants and had greatly contributed to the body of knowledge in medicine, particularly Pathology. He had visited, contributed and attended conferences and trainings, facilitated sessions in various countries across different continents ranging from Africa to Europe, to Asia and North American.

Late Professor Oluwasola received many honours, distinctions and awards as well as membership of many learned societies, a few of which were Fellow of the International Union Against Cancer; Member of the Global Cancer Control Community; Member of the West African Helicobacter Pylori Study Group; Member, West African Division of International Academy of Pathology (WADIAP); Post graduate Examiner in Pathology (primary examination), West African College of Physicians and Member, College Disciplinary Committee, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, among others.

He was happily married to Mrs Deborah Olusola Oluwasola on 07 December, 1991 and their union is blessed with six lovely children. He was a loving husband, caring and committed father who gave dilligence to the training and development of his children.

Most importantly, Late Professor Oluwasola was a fervent christian and ardent lover of the gospel. He was very active in the christian community and served in different roles and capacities across different religious bodies and orgarnisations ranging from Christ's Chapel, CPGM, CAPRO, UCHCF Alumni, UCH Prays, and many more. He believed man was created by God for five reasons: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism and he lived his life in the pursuit of these reasons.

He passed on to glory on 27 July, 2018 with the testimony that he walked with God.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Deborah Oluwasola and children.

May his soul rest in peace. (Amen).

**Funeral Arrangements are as follows:**

**Friday, 10 August, 2018**

8.00a.m – 9.00a.m:	Lying in State, Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.
9.30a.m -10.30am:	Lying in State, University College Hospital, Ibadan
11.00a.m	Funeral Service at the Christ Chapel, UCH, Ibadan

Interment follows immediately after the service at the Rest Park, Ido Local Government Area, Ibadan.

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