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APPOINTMENT OF PROVOST: PROFESSOR BABATUNDE LAWAL SALAKO

The Governing Council of the University, at its meeting of 28 May, 2014 approved the election of Prof. Babatunde Lawal Salako as Provost of the College of Medicine with effect from 01 August, 2014.

Born on 23 July, 1959, Prof. Salako graduated from the prestigious University of Ibadan with an MB;BS degree in 1986 after which he proceeded to the Lagos State Health Management Board and Island Maternity Hospital for his one-year mandatory Housemanship from 1986 to 1987. Thereafter, he had his National Youth Service (NYSC) at the Isiala-Ngwa Local Government Area, Imo State.

In 1990, Prof. Salako joined the services of the University College Hospital (UCH) and in 1994, he obtained Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians.

He began his career in the University of Ibadan in 1996 on his appointment as Lecturer in the Department of Medicine, College of Medicine. By this appointment, he became Honorary Consultant Physician and Nephrologist to the University College Hospital, Ibadan from 1996 till date. Professor Salako rose through the ranks to become Senior Lecturer (1999); Reader (2003) and Professor in 2006.

The new Provost is a recipient of many local and international Fellowships and Research Grants which include the World Heart Fellowship; University of Ibadan Senate Research Grants; MacArthur Research Grant; two National Institute of Health Grants in collaboration with the Department of Public Health Sciences; Loyola University Medical School, Chicago, USA and Human Heredity in Health Grant on Kidney Disease Research Network in collaboration with the University of Ghana and University of Michigan. He is Co-Investigator in two other NIH Grants including Genetic Influences on Severity of Sickle Cell Anaemia in the Yorubas in collaboration with Loyola University Medical School, Chicago and the Tailored Hospital-based Risk Reduction to Impede Vascular Events in Stroke (THRIVES) in collaboration with Medical University of South Carolina.

Prof. Salako's community efforts have been rewarded with meritorious awards by a number of bodies and associations, some of which are: the Brownite of Honour Award; Distinguished Professor B.L. Salako Quiz Competition, a yearly competition organized in his name by students of the

Alexander Brown Hall; Merit Award by the Oyo Area Unit of the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria; Award of Commitment to Medical Practice and Excellence by the University College Hospital Board and Management; Distinguished Award of Honour and Service by the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA); Merit Award by the Centre for Initiatives against Destitution and Crime; 2013 Rotary Club, Eleyele Meritorious Award; Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area Appreciation Award for Human Capital Development and the Chairman, Governing Council of Kings Gate International College, Basorun, Ibadan among others.

He served as Chairman of the Nigerian Medical Association, Oyo State between 2002 and 2004 and was a member of the National Executive Council of the Nigerian Medical Association between 2002 and 2006. During his tenure as Chairman NMA of Oyo State, Prof. Salako among other things completed the NMA building in Ibadan, furnished it and moved the activities of the Association into the building. The building was commissioned by the then Executive Governor of Oyo State, Senator Rashidi Ladoja.

Prof. Salako was a Visiting Nephrologist at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester University Hospital United Kingdom in 2007 and a Visiting Professor at the Department of Public Health Sciences, Loyola University Medical School, Chicago, USA in 2010. He was invited by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta USA, as a member of the International Expert Panel to design a Ten-Day Seminar on Control of Chronic Disease and Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology for the sub-Saharan Africa in 2003 and also by the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks as a member of the Scientific Planning Committee for the 2003 international conference in Ghana.

In March 2010, the new Provost was invited by Novartis International as an opinion leader in an international consortium to discuss kidney transplantation in sub-Saharan Africa in Dakar, Senegal. He currently serves as the coordinator of the Royal College of Physician and West Africa College of Physician training program on Millennium Development Goal 6 Partnership for Africa Clinical Training in Nigeria.

Prof. Salako has served the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan in a number of capacities some of which include the Chair of Faculty of Clinical Science Sub-Committee on UI 60th Anniversary; Member, University of Ibadan at 65 Planning Committee, currently, Hall Master, Alexander Brown Hall and the Assistant Editor-in-Chief African Journal of Medicine & Medical Sciences. Until his appointment, he is the Head of the Department of Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan and the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Prof. Salako is a member of many professional associations including the Nigerian Medical Association; Fellow of the West African College of Physician, Nigerian Association of Nephrology; Nigerian Society of Hypertension; Fellow of the World Heart Federation; Global Forum for Health Research, Geneva, International Society of Nephrology; International Society of Hypertension; African Society of Human Genetics and International Society of Hypertension in Blacks. He was appointed Editor of the Tropical Journal of Nephrology, the official journal of the Nigerian

Association of Nephrology, 2005-2012; Vice-President of the Association between 2012-2014 and President-elect for 2014-2016 in February 2014.

Based on his productive scholarship, he was appointed examiner by the West African College of Physician from 2006 to date. Prof. Salako has also served as External Examiner and Assessors to a number of Nigerian Universities. He is the current Vice President of the Life Resuscitation Society of Nigeria.

Prof. Salako is a Clinician of high repute and has made significant contributions to the field of hypertension and kidney disease, he is in the fore front of kidney transplantation at the University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria. He has published more than 90 articles in both local and international journals including a book. Prof. Salako has attended several local and international conferences and workshops and is widely traveled.

He is married to Mrs. Saidat Abiola Abiodun Salako. The matrimony is blessed with three children: Ibraheem Abiodun, Hikmot Yetunde and Idris Akinola.