

*Report of  
Educational & Medical Mission  
To  
Abia State  
(Umuahia)  
July 19 - 27, 2009*

*Umuahia National Association, USA, Inc*

*By:  
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## **A. Preamble**

The long awaited and planned Education & Medical Mission to Umuahia finally took place July 19 – 27, 2009 not July 19 – 31, 2009 as originally planned. The Mission was co-sponsored by:

- NeoPed Foundation, USA, The 100 IGBOS, USA, and the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA) – mainly for the Educational and Surgical Components.
- Umuahia National Association, USA, Inc sponsored the medications and disposable supplies utilized for the Mission.
- Abia State Government provided Accommodation, Feeding, Security and some Local Transportation and Staff.
- The Federal Medical Center was especially useful in providing space and resources for teaching, surgery, and most local transportation.

## **B. Operations**

- Due to logistical, operational, and major strategic concerns, the Mission originally billed for the Local Governments and Communities in Umuahia (North and South plus Ikwuano) was expanded to serve all the 17 Local Government areas of Abia State.
- All Outpatient Medical Services were conducted at Okpara Auditorium, Umuahia. Patients from the 17 local governments were seen over 4 days in groups of 5,4,4 and 4. In all our estimate is that close to 1000 patients were seen.
- The Neonatal-Perinatal Educational Workshops were carried out at the Federal Medical Center. The facility also provided resources for the limited surgical cases treated.

In all, 127 doctors and nurses from the 17 local government areas, the Federal Medical Center and Abia State University Teaching Hospital were certified in Neonatal Resuscitation Program, STABLE Program and the Immediate Care of the High Risk Neonate.

- Unfortunately, due to inadequate and limited availability of surgeons, operating rooms, and anesthesiology facilities, only very few surgical cases were managed. We left about 150 surgical cases NOT taken care of.
- We had the opportunity to interact with the Governor and State Government, members of the Medical Leadership in Abia State, setting the stage for future collaboration.

## C. Recommendations for the Future

### (i) Immediate

Local surgeons (Private, Federal Medical Center and Teaching Hospital) have agreed to take care of the >150 Surgical Cases we left behind at a flat rate of N20,000.00 per case. This will cost N3.0 Million (\$20,000.00 USD). This should be the immediate task for the Sponsors. Alternatively, a Special Surgical Mission can be planned for the future.

### (ii) Medium Term Goals

- ❖ Providing all Health Centers in Abia State with Standard Medical Equipment. Produce and implement Standards of Care and Requirements; such as Antenatal Clinics, Immunizations Programs, Clinics for Hypertension, Diabetes and Cancer Screenings.
- ❖ Equipping Operating Rooms in all State facilities.
- ❖ Equipping the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Federal Medical Center, Umuahia.
- ❖ Annual Comprehensive Medical Missions for Teaching, Surgery and Outpatient Treatment.

### (iii) Long Term

Continue participation in the State's Medical Services Task Force for Comprehensive and Long-Term Health Care Planning and Implementation in Abia State.

Let us also pay special tribute to those that sacrificed and physically went to carry out the Program. We thank Professor Augustus Mbanaso for his direction and leadership; without him, the entire Program would have collapsed.

Finally, thanks and recognition go to the Governor, Ochendo Theodore A. Orji, his Government Officials and the Coordinating Team for the Program – Drs Nwaogbo, Onuoha, and others.

Respectfully submitted,



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Education & Medical Mission Leader

**Abia State  
Educational / Medical Mission  
July 19-29, 2009**

**Participants / Faculty Lists**

**A. Primary Care (Community Sites) Team**

<u>Physician</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
1. Dr. Obinna Iruke	General Practice / Emergency
2. Dr. Okechi Nwagbara	Internal Medicine
3. Dr. Clement Nwosu	Internal Medicine / Neonatology
4. Dr. Christian Okezie	General practice / Neonatology
5. * Dr. Ngozi Uduku	General Practice

Nurses

1. Ola Chijioke, RN
2. Bernadette Onwuchekwa, RN
3. Victoria Uzoanya, RN

Pharmacists

1. Philomena Nene Okwuje, R. PH.

This Team will work The Orji Uzo Kalu Free Medical Service in the Communities.

**B. Surgical / Anesthesiologist Team**

<u>Physician</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
1. Dr. Obinna Asonye	Anesthesiology / Pediatrics
2. * Dr. Chinedum Nkoro	General & Colo-Rectal Surgery

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**Participants / Faculty Lists (continued)**

**C. Obstetric / Gynecology**

1. Dr. Acho Emeruwa

**D. Neonatal-Perinatal Education Team**

1. Dr. Udochukwu O. Asonye
2. Dr. Arvind Shukla
3. Dr. Sue Faber, NNP

**E. Support / Advisory Team**

1. Barrister Solomon O. Kanu
2. Andy Nkalari, President UNU
3. Lawrence Odoemenam
4. Barrister Ejike Obike
5. Peter Onyemachi

All of these Teams will be complemented and supported by Local Surgical, medical, Nursing and Pharmaceutical Staff of the Abia State University Teaching Hospital, Ministry of Health and Federal Medical Center, Umuahia

(\* ) Two (2) Colleagues from the United Kingdom, the rest are from the United States.

A number of the participants came with family members.

Local staff participated.

**EDUCATIONAL-MEDICAL/SURGICAL MISSION  
ABIA STATE  
JULY 19-27, 2009**

1. Thursday & Saturday  
July 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Arrival in Lagos of Teams  
Carrying Medicine & Supplies
  
2. Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Teams Arrive & Assemble at  
Umuahia
  
3. Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Introductory / Planning Services
  
  - Meeting of **“Abia State Health  
Care Steering Committee”**
  
  - Community Out Reach starts at  
1:00pm at Afara Ibeku
  
4. Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> –  
Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Educational & Medical Mission  
Activities
  
  - Educational & Facilities  
Evaluation Sites Visits
  
  - Steering Committee Summation  
Meeting
  
5. Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> -  
Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Residual Medical Missions –  
mainly Ambulatory Site Services

***Departures on Monday, July 27, 2009.***



**IMMEDIATE CARE  
OF  
THE HIGH RISK NEONATE**

***Featuring & Introducing***

- ❖ ***Neonatal Resuscitation Program***
- ❖ ***S.T.A.B.L.E Program***
- ❖ ***Perinatal Continuing Educational Program (PCEP)***

***July 21 - 24, 2009***

**Okpara Auditorium, Umuahia  
Abia State, Nigeria**

***Sponsored by:***

***NeoPed Foundation, USA  
The 100 IGBOS, USA, Inc  
In Collaboration with  
Abia State Government***

**Educational & Medical Mission  
Immediate Care of the High Risk Neonate**

**Abia State**

**Certified Participants**

	<u>Date of Training:</u>	<u>Location of Training:</u>
	July 19-24, 2009	Abia State, F.M.C.
Participant's Name	Participant's Address	
1	Ndubuka, Theresa C	Hospital Management Board, Umuahia, Abia State
2	Okoye, Clara C	H.M.B. - Umuahia
3	Ukaegbu, Christina C	H.M.B. - Umuahia
4	Eke, Patricia M	F.M.C. - Umuahia
5	Anosike, V.C.	F.M.C. - Umuahia
6	Omuala, Blessing C	H.M.B. - Umuahia
7	Chukiou, Margaret C	H.M.B. - Umuahia
8	Nwosu, Charity C	SOM - Abiriba
9	Asiegbu, Mary I	(SOM) Sch of Midwifery - Umuahia
10	Okere, Caroline I	F.M.C. - Umuahia
11	Agwu, Joy N	P.H.C. - Agboji-Ohafia L.G.A
12	Obasi Onyekachi A	Ohafia L.G.A., Ohafia
13	Umisumimie, Gift U	Princes Mary Specialist Hospital, Aba
14	Ugbaja Ngozi Au	F.M.C. - Umuahia
15	Ucheoma, P.I.	F.M.C. - Umuahia
16	Kanu Chioma	Springs Clinic, Aba
17	Michael Chinyere C	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
18	Nwokike Amaka	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
19	Ogbonna Ozindu	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
20	Oloko, A.C.	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
21	Nwabuko O Ngozi	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
22	Uche A Fadeke	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
23	Mrs. E.I. Nwokonta	F.M.C. - Umuahia
24	Onyechere, Mercy I	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
25	Utalgbulem, Chinwe	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
26	Dr. Ben Edelu	Dept of Ped of F.M.C. - Umuahia
27	Okam, Kalu U. (Dr)	Dept of Surg of F.M.C. - Umuahia
28	Alozie-Onuzuruike, Ngozi S	SOM (QESH) - Umuahia
29	Ikwaakor, Justina Ngozi	F.M.C. - Umuahia
30	Kanlu, Sarah A.J.	SOM - Umuahia
31	James Nneoma P.	SOM - Umuahia
32	Okoh, R.O (Dr)	F.M.C. - Umuahia
33	Kalu, Elizabeth E.	SOM - Abiriba
34	Augustina Chnyeremugwu Adieze	SOM - Abiriba

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37	Egbe Love - Jane C.	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
38	Afor Agwu Ndem	Ohafia L.G.A., Ohafia
39	Aniaku, Dennis Ikechukwu	Dept of Surg of F.M.C. - Umuahia
40	Umebali J.U.	Absuth - Aba
41	Onichakwe, Caleb C.	Absuth - Aba
42	Uwaga, Benjamin N.	Absuth - Aba
43	Mgbeojedo Chizoba	Dept of Surg of F.M.C. - Umuahia
44	Okowuro Ejuke	Dept of Med of F.M.C - Umuahia
45	Madu, Brendan	Dept of Surg of F.M.C. - Umuahia
46	James C Christopher	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
47	Nwachukwu, Patience C.	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
48	Obi Emmanuel C.	Dept of Med of F.M.C - Umuahia
49	Ochiobi, Ngozi P.	(SOM) Sch of Midwifery - Umuahia
50	Ikpa Ifeoma	(SOM) Sch of Midwifery - Umuahia
51	Wokoma, Benedicta U.C.	General Hosp - Ohafia
52	Idih, E.E. (Dr)	F.M.C. - Umuahia
53	Dr. Udensi M.A.	F.M.C. - Umuahia
54	Okereke. E. E.	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
55	Nwokenna Vivien	(SON) Sch of Nursing, Amachara
56	Nwubia Veronica	SOM - Umuahia
57	Madu, Udeaku O. (Dr)	Dept of Ped of F.M.C. - Umuahia
58	Dr. Nwokeocha, David	Dept of Ped of F.M.C. - Umuahia
59	Nwam, Gloria	Sch of Nursing - Umuahia
60	Ekendu Mary Eberchi	SOM - Umuahia
61	Ajuomi, N.D.	H.M.B. - Umuahia
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63	Nwanna Maduka Eunice	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.
64	Nkechi O. Kalu	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.
65	Atim K. Amogu	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.
66	Ifuomah, C.N.	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.
67	Nkemjika Johnson Idika	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.
68	Awuford Chimsa	PHC Depart Ohafia L.G.A.

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76	Emezi Ngozi	F.M.C. - Umuahia	
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81	Nwano Lois A.	Absuth - Aba	
82	Egbule Lilian A.	Absuth - Aba	
83	Nwagwugwu, Rosita	Absuth - Aba	
84	Ekebuisi, Louise A	Absuth - Aba	
85	Ahumaraeze, Chioma	Absuth - Aba	
86	Ijeoma Umeh Stella	Absuth - Aba	
87	Dr. Ogbonna Ikechukwu F.	Absuth - Aba	
88	Dr. (Mrs) MBA Ebele Tina	Absuth - Aba	
89	Lekwuna, Favour E.	Absuth - Aba	
90	Lekwuwa, Joy U.	Absuth - Aba	
91	Oji Ori Chioma	Absuth - Aba	
92	Dr. Agu Ahamefula	Absuth - Aba	
93	Nwoke Adline Ijedoma	Absuth - Aba	
94	Ndikom Nkechi L.	Absuth - Aba	
95	Nwachukwu, Udo	Absuth - Aba	
96	Agu E. Florence	Absuth - Aba	
97	Dr. Airhumurinde Bright	F.M.C. - Umuahia	
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99	Mdubueze,Rita N.	F.M.C. - Umuahia	

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104 Roseline Aguocha, RN, RM	Medical Unit, Govt House, Umuahia
105 Christina C. Ogbuka, RN, RM Anesthetist	F.M.C. - Umuahia
106 Joy U. Eruba. RN, RM	F.M.C. - Umuahia
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109 Nwanyinma Emelike, RN, RM	Umuahia South L.G.A
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121 Ugoma Uzuegbu, RN, RM	Abia Specialist Hospital & Diagnostic Centre, Umuahia
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123 Mrs. Orji, Victoria O.	Medical Unit, Govt House, Umuahia
124 Shittu Abimbola Kafayat	Abia Specialist Hospital & Diagnostic Centre, Umuahia
125 Adekunbi Oluwasegun Ademola	Medical Unit, Govt House, Umuahia
126 Okoro Odinakachukwu Sandra	Medical Unit, Govt House, Umuahia
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