

WELCOME TO C-Rep

The National Obstetric Fistula Centre, (NOFIC) Abakaliki, was established in 2011 by Federal Government of Nigeria as the first National Hospital in Nigeria, to specifically address the issues of Obstetric Fistula, which at a time had a prevalence rate of 200,000 cases, with an annual incidence of 6,000. The mandates of the Centre include treatment, rehabilitation & Re-integration, prevention, training & research. With the addition of oncology management, both the increasing cases of breast and cervical cancers and involvement of males in reproductive health through detection and supportive treatment for prostate cancer, further positioned NOFIC as a Reproductive Health facility.

In the first decade of the Centre`s operations, NOFIC Abakaliki vigorously pursued its clinical management of cases, and community-targeted approaches, without much in the area of training, which at a time was restricted to the clinical training of Nurses and Doctors. Maternal health services, Paediatric and ancillary clinical services in renal medicine, uro-gynaecology, In-vitro fertilization and Embryo transfer, were operationalized.

To formalize training and research as a critical arm of the Centre`s mandate, the management of NOFIC Abakaliki under the leadership of Professor Johnson Akuma Obuna as the Medical Director and Professor Henry C. Uro-Chukwu as the Director / Head of Training, Research & Mobilization, embarked on curriculum development in Reproductive Health areas and approached Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki , after due consultation with the Federal Ministry of Health, to set up the Centre for Reproductive Health Research & Development (C-Rep). Following rigorous scrutiny that spanned through four years, the Vice Chancellor of Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Prof. C.N. Ogbu on behalf of the University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Obstetric Fistula Centre Abakaliki on 23rd September, 2023, thereby formally kick-starting the Postgraduate programme in Reproductive Health, in the University.

By this agreement, EBSU in liaison with NOFIC Abakaliki offers such courses as Reproductive Health, Oncology Nursing, Surgical Oncology, Obstetric Fistula, In-vitro Fertilization & Embryo Transfer and Renal Medicine at Certificate, Master`s degree and Ph.D. levels, as its way of addressing the teething and common cases of Reproductive Health problems in our clime. Practicing Clinicians and Fellows of recognized Medical Colleges will find these programmes interesting and fulfilling as we will ensure timely completion of all programs and scholarly works that are intentionally designed to solving encountered problems in our practice.

On behalf of the management of NOFIC, Abakaliki and Ebonyi State University Abakaliki, I wish, as the Centre Lead / Programme Coordinator, welcome you all to these programmes aimed at restoring the dignity of women and upholding her reproductive health rights.



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